Written Answer

Sarah Wollaston (Totnes, Conservative)

To ask the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs what meetings Ministers in his Department have had with the Campaign to Protect Rural England and other environmental organisations to discuss the effect of Clause 8 of the Growth and Infrastructure Bill before the bill was published.

Richard Benyon (Parliamentary Under Secretary of State (Natural Environment and Fisheries), Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Newbury, Conservative)

Following publication of the Growth and Infrastructure Bill, the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has exchanged written correspondence with the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

As part of ongoing discussions regarding implementation of the Bill, Ministers across Government have played an active role engaging with a range of environmental organisations, including the Campaign to Protect Rural England.

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