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Treasury Chambers, Parliament Street, SWIP 3AG

Mrs Shirley Stagg Private Secretary to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Whitehall Place London SW1A 2HH

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Dear Eritry,

THIRD REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: POLLUTION OF RIVERS AND ESTUARIES

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The Chief Secretary has seen your Minister's letter of 10 June and the Environment Secretary's letter of the same date.

This is to confirm that the Chief Secretary is content with the reformulation of the reference to environmental protection zones in paragraph 1.15 of the draft Government response suggested in Mr Ridley's letter. He is also content for the fifth sentence of paragraph 3.16 to be deleted on the understanding that this does not imply any weakening of the Government's policy that grant aid should not be extended to maintenance work.

I am copying this letter to Roger Bright (DOE), Private Secreta%ries to members of (EA) and Trevor Woolley (Cabinet Office)

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