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From The Secretary of State for Wales

The Rt Hon Peter Walker MBE MP

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Dear Secretary of State

LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION ORDERS

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Thank you for your letter of 27 June detailing your views upon the future of legislation in this area.

I too share your misgivings about the imposition of Landscape Conservation Orders (LCOs) on one hand and the encouragement of sensitively managed departure from increased good production on the other. I am sure that the farming community would be far more amenable to change without what they would undoubtedly see as further restrictions.

I am therefore content to support your view that legislation should not be introduced at this time. We shall be better placed to assess the merits or otherwise of such legislation with experience of farmers' reaction to the Government's diversification policy.

I am copying this to the Prime Minister, John MacGregor, Malcolm Rifkind John Major and other members of H Committee.

Yours sincerely
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Approved by the Secretary of State and signed in his absence

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