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Re: Harbour Porpoises

Dear Cabinet Secretary, Lesley,

I am writing to you with regards to the current plight of the harbour porpoise.

Earlier this year, I was made Species Champion for the harbour porpoise through the Wales Environment Link initiative, and have pledged to promote their well-being and call to reverse the trends in their decline.

You will be aware of recent concern regarding a lack of safe marine areas allocated in UK waters for harbour porpoises, and of the new conservation area which has been developed in waters off the west coast of Scotland to help protect this species.

My purpose in writing to you is to enquire as to how the Welsh Government will respond to these concerns, and, further to the joint JNCC/NRW consultation on potential sites earlier this year, what you are seeking to do in terms of developing appropriate conservation areas to protect this vulnerable species.

I look forward to your response, and to working together with you to ensure the future of this wonderful species.

Yours sincerely,

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Janet Finch-Saunders will treat in confidence any personal information which you may pass on to her, and she will normally allow her staff to see it, so that they can consult with relevant authorities in order to help and advise you. We may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues which you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

Mi wnaiff Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddellio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthnasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.