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**Brexit and the environment**

Thank you to everyone who has contacted me about Brexit's impact on our environment.

The EU has spearheaded environmental protections in recent years and we cannot let these EU standards slip as a result of the Government picking and choosing what they do and don't want to keep without properly consulting Parliament. My vision is for the UK to be a world leader in environmental law and alongside my Labour colleagues I will not accept any watering down of environmental standards as a result of Brexit.

That is why alongside my Labour colleagues throughout the process of the EU Withdrawal Bill in Parliament I have voted in favour of defending existing environmental protections through transferring important EU environmental principles into UK law after Brexit. Like so many people I agree that this is essential for if our country is to build on our current rules and set a high standard of protections for our environment after Brexit.

I have been contacted by lots of people recently about a range of different issues relating to the EU Withdrawal Bill, you can read my reflections on last week's key votes in the House of Commons on my website [here](#).

Thanks again to everyone who has contacted me about protecting the environment after Brexit.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Burden'.

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