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Re: Bees and neonicotinoid pesticides

I am writing on behalf of a number of constituents who have contacted me recently about the threat to bees in the UK.

As you are aware, bees play a vital role in the environment as well as our food supply and economy. It is right, then, that the government and the European Union take steps to protect bees and do what they can to facilitate a reversal of the decreasing population trend. However, many of my constituents have highlighted that applications have been made to have bans on certain pesticides lifted.

As such, I wanted to write to you to ask whether this is currently being considered by your Department and what the process and outcome of this consideration will be. I am sure my constituents would also like to be reassured of the government's position and planned action on protecting bees and restricting harmful pesticides more broadly.

Yours sincerely

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