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Dear Mrs Peacock,

Thank you for getting in touch.

I note the points you raise but I can see no reason to believe that an exit from the UK would result in worse environmental protection. If anything it would give us the chance to look carefully at our own rules and regulations and decide for ourselves if they were creating the kind of environment we want for the country. We may on reflection, wish to go further for example, or at least reflect local factors in our contemplation of the protection of the countryside say, or emission standards. In addition there is no reason to think that we would cease to collaborate with other countries on these issues. We have been active participants in all global forums on the environment and collaborate with many countries both within and outside the EU.

Given the widespread concern for the environment I cannot see any newly independent government being any less assiduous on these matters than our unelected masters in Europe.

With best wishes

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