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Dear Nidolas

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Thank you for copying to me your letter of 27 June to Peter Walker in which you sought agreement to the announcement, in your address to the National Parks Conference in September, that the Government was not persuaded of the need to introduce provisions for the making of Landscape Conservation Orders.

Your proposals only concerned National Parks and the area covered by the Broads Authority and did not extend to Scotland. I have therefore no objection to the action you now propose.

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

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