

**Subject: Please Support the ‘Food In Our Hands’ Movement and Nature-Friendly Land Stewardship**

Dear [Name of MP],

I’m writing as your concerned constituent to ask you to support the UK ‘Food In Our Hands’ movement, and to champion nature-friendly policies that secure our food system, support rural livelihoods, and restore our environment.

Whether we are farmers, conservation workers, groundstaff, growers or workers along the food supply chain, many of us are working hard to care for land, feed communities, and keep our ecosystems resilient. Food In Our Hands is a worker-led movement for food sovereignty in the UK, recognising the shared interests between food producers, landworkers who protect nature, food system workers and everyone who has a stake in the UK’s food system.

We need policies that reflect this common ground.

Unfortunately, some voices - often from the far right or from big agribusiness who stand to profit from them - promote false choices: between nature and food, or environmental action and economic wellbeing. This rhetoric not only misleads the public, but also undermines the work of those on the ground who know that environmental health is inseparable from long-term food and climate security, both key missions of the UK Government.

In their 2024 manifesto, Labour promised to “deliver for nature” and “protect our natural world”, as well as “champion British farming whilst protecting the environment”. Actions such as the unannounced and largely unexplained pause of the Sustainable Farming Incentive (SFI) simply create uncertainty in an already-disillusioned and struggling demographic.

We need leadership that defends truth and champions solutions, not scapegoats. We need ambitious progressive policies, which would help to deliver our collective Right to Food, including:

1. **A bigger budget for nature-friendly farming across all four nations** to meet the scale of need, deliver a reconfigured SFI in England (with a cap on payments) and an interim support scheme for small farms
2. **The implementation of a National Food Strategy for England** which includes ambitious public procurement targets, localised food production, and prioritises healthy nutritious food and close collaboration with the Ministry of Health.
3. **Measures to guarantee a fair and secure income for farmers and farmworkers**, such as a pilot of a basic income for farm workers scheme, protection for British farmers in trade deals, eliminating the risk of labour abuses and exploitation including those seen through the Seasonal Worker Scheme, and a redistribution of corporate profits in the food system.
4. **Substantial measures to improve access to land for new entrants**, including training and support, to support first time farmers into farming and land work, particularly from marginalised groups.

Our future depends on healthy land, resilient communities, and a food system rooted in care for both the land and the people who steward it; not just productivity. Please let me know that you will speak up in Parliament for those working on the land to make that future possible.

Yours sincerely,

[Your Name]

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