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Questions for Prospective Parliamentary Candidates in Westmorland and Furness

Dear Candidate,

In the busy run-up to next week's General Election, we have some important questions to ask you on behalf of our members, supporters and staff in your constituency.

Q1 How will you and your party act decisively to tackle the crises in climate and nature?

Q2 How are you and your party going to incentivise farmers to create sustainable businesses that produce healthy food, mitigate climate change and deliver nature recovery, and how will you ensure that the 50% of farms indicated by Defra meet current regulations and are effectively monitored and compliant?

Q3 What will you and your party do to ensure we protect and restore our rivers, lakes and sea, and especially in relation to Lake Windermere?

Nature – Who Cares?

Voter intentions in the North West*:

- 37% will vote based on environmental policies offered by candidates
- Just 27% are satisfied with the current state of nature and climate in the UK
- 82% think that nature is important for our well-being and economic prosperity
- Most (59%) consider environmental issues to be at least as important as other issues facing the country

* Poll commissioned by The Wildlife Trusts, Savanta interviewed 2,221 UK adults aged 18+ online between 31st May and 2nd June 2024. Data were weighted to be representative of all UK adults by age, sex, region and SEG. Savanta is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

Nature is in trouble and this has repercussions for our health, our ability to produce food, and our capacity to withstand climate breakdown and the increased risk of floods, drought and heat. We ask that, should you be elected as the MP for Westmorland and Furness, you pledge to meet with us at one of our nature reserves or projects in your constituency. to talk about how we are working for people and wildlife in your area.

We'll be posting responses from all the PPCs in Cumbria on our website over the next few days and we look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Trotter
Chief Executive

Enclosed:

The Wildlife Trusts' 5 Priorities for Action

