

Feel free to use as much or as little of the following email as you want.

And of course - get creative. Add an image, an anecdote, or a poem!

Dear [\[insert MP name here\]](#),

[\[insert your individual story and connection to peatlands\]](#)

I am writing to you today with regards to the decision on the Environmental Land Management Scheme. It is imperative that this policy fulfill its potential as a tool against the climate and ecological crisis, as opposed to accelerator in these crises. I believe that the best way of doing this is.....[\[insert your preferred method/ideas\]](#)

The UK leaving the EU presents a unique opportunity for the UK to decide it's own agricultural and land management policy, and one that has the potential to be far more ambitious in scope than the EU's Common Agricultural Policy.

In 2017, Michael Gove referred to this moment as "taking back control" of environmental policies and the chance to do things better. Indeed it is the first time in a decade that the Department of Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (DEFRA) is creating a new agricultural policy. It is vital that this policy will [\[insert your ideas\]](#).

Here are some links where you can find out key facts about peatlands and the UK:

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/our-work/our-positions-and-casework/our-positions/agriculture-and-land-use/farming-land-use-and-nature/peatlands/#:~:text=UK%20peatlands%20are%20estimated%20to,a%20ti ny%20amount%20each%20year.>

<https://www.iucn-uk-peatlandprogramme.org/about-peatlands/uk-peatlands>

<https://www.ceh.ac.uk/sites/default/files/Peatland%20factsheet.pdf>