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Rt Hon Hilary Benn MP
Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
DEFRA Nobel House
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Dear Secretary of State,

I would like to take this opportunity to voice my support for proposals to include The Chalk Hills, The Western Weald (including Petersfield, Liss, Midhurst, Petworth and surrounding villages), Ditchling and Lewes as part of the South Downs National Park.

These areas were all included in the original proposal from the Countryside Agency (Natural England) and still meet the designation criteria. There is massive support for a South Downs National Park that includes all these areas and I trust you will play your part in delivering a national park that is testimony to the ever more urgent need to protect our natural environment.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,



Caroline Lucas - Green Party MEP for South East England.

Cc Huw Irranca-Davies MP, Minister for the Natural and Marine Environment, Wildlife and Rural Affairs