

The Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP
Chancellor of the Exchequer
Her Majesty's Treasury
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Dear Chancellor

A new National Nature Service could employ many tens of thousands of people and restore our land, coastlines, oceans and economy for a greener, more prosperous future.

There is plenty of work to do, ready to go, with the right investment in the projects and people needed to shape a green recovery. To tackle climate change, restore nature, and give everyone a healthier environment, we need to restore thousands of hectares of habitats, create a more sustainable food and farming system, ensure equitable access to quality greenspaces for nature-deprived communities, root out invasive species and work the land in sustainable ways.

In doing so, we will create a more prosperous and resilient society and train up a new workforce with the skills and confidence to power a green, modern economy. Our organisations stand ready to lead, people of all ages and backgrounds stand ready to work as part of an environmental economic renaissance. From you, we need a well-funded training and employment programme, investment in a co-designed portfolio of conservation projects to kickstart green recovery, and the bravery to seize the day.

Yours sincerely

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