Subject: Say no to Cash To Trash, Scrap Part 3.

Dear **[MP's Name]**,

I am writing to share my concerns about Part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill, which threatens to destroy our most precious habitats and local wildlife. The Bill will introduce a new, entirely unknown approach to mitigation which will significantly weaken our existing environmental protections, amounting to a dangerous regression in environmental law.

Part 3 would allow developers to pay into a fund instead of following important rules to avoid harming the environment. This “cash to trash” approach would put our precious places including chalk streams and ancient woods at risk, as well as local green spaces which are so crucial to health and wellbeing. The Bill does not explicitly include safeguards for irreplaceable habitats, to exempt them from the EDP approach, leaving vital protections vulnerable to the whim of successive Governments.

[You can personalise your message here by mentioning a local wildlife site, green space, or species you care about. For example: “I often walk in [Local Nature Reserve], where I’ve seen kingfishers, wild orchids, and water voles. I’m worried that places like this will be at risk if environmental protections are weakened.”]

Recent Government amendments have not gone far enough to address the fundamental problems with Part 3. For example, the Government has introduced amendments to ensure back-up conservation measures must be implemented if an Environmental Delivery Plan (EDP) is ineffective. While this is a step forward, it fails to address the underlying issue – that the proposed EDP approach removes the requirement to **avoid** harm to protected species and habitats to begin with.

The amendments do not go far enough to uphold the Environmental Principles introduced under the Environment Act 2021. The Polluter Pays Principle is undermined by the ‘economic viability’ requirement, which means that the cash paid by developers may not cover the costs of mitigation from harm incurred.

I urge you to call for Part 3 of the Planning and Infrastructure Bill to be scrapped. Even amended, the Bill will weaken protections currently delivered under the Habitat Regulations, amounting to a regression. Over 32,000 people have already contacted MPs like yourself to oppose this. We want a better planning system, one that puts nature and people first.

Please will you oppose Part 3 of the Bill and say no to #CashToTrash? I’d be grateful to know how you plan to vote.

Thank you for your time, I hope to hear from you soon.

Best wishes,
 **[Your Full Name]**
 **[Your Address]**