



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Senga Prior  
Chair  
Association of Taxation Technicians (ATT)  
Technical Steering Group

Justine Riccomini  
Head of Tax  
Institute of Chartered Accountants of Scotland  
(ICAS)

Isobel D'Inverno  
Convener  
Tax Law Sub-committee  
Law Society of Scotland

19 February 2024

Dear all,

Thank you for your joint letter of 22 January about the consultation on the taxation of environmental land management and ecosystem service markets.

The Government understands this is an important subject for organisations such as the ATT, ICAS, and the Law Society of Scotland. I know all your organisations responded to the consultation last year and I am grateful to you for sharing your members' expertise on a complex subject.

As set out at Autumn Statement 2023, the Government has been reviewing responses to this consultation and will give a further update in Spring 2024. The Government received a large number of responses to this consultation from a wide range of public sector organisations, businesses, individuals, and representative bodies so it is important that we take the time necessary to consider the next steps carefully. As you recognised in your consultation responses, there are a number of complex and technical issues to work through.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this important issue with me.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nigel Huddleston".

**Nigel Huddleston MP**  
**FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY**