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Dear Jamie,

Thank you for your letter of 27 March.

I am grateful to you for the update on the range of work which falls under the Principles of the Moorland Management project. As you know, this is a subject area which is never far from the headlines. It would be very good to find further consensus on the issues involved and I am grateful for the work you are taking forward in this respect.

With regard to the development of a strategic vision for the uplands, I am afraid that this is one of the issues which has had to be left on the back burner for a period while we deal with the extensive and complex range of work associated with Brexit. Please be assured however that we will return to the issue as soon as we can and that the delay is no reflection of the importance of the uplands in our thinking. In the meantime, officials would be interested to receive any papers from the Moorland Forum on the development of this issue.

*Yours
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