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The Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP)

Dear Reporting Organisation,

Adaptation reporting is a key component of preparing the UK for climate change. The Adaptation Reporting Power was created as part of the Climate Change Act (2008). It allows the Secretary of State to ask key organisations to report on the steps they are taking to prepare for climate change.

The Committee on Climate Change's review of the second round of Adaptation Reporting Power (ARP) Reports found that the ARP increases the transparency and understanding of how individual organisations are tackling a changing climate and helps the preparedness of the nation.

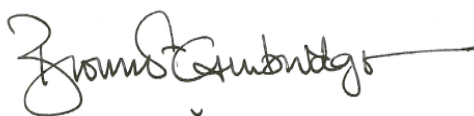
It is positive to see that a large number of new and previous reporting organisations have agreed to report in the third round of ARP, which runs until December 2021, and encouraging that several organisations are close to finalising their reports. We understand that recent events may have put added pressure on organisational resources and shifted short-term priorities. However, COVID-19 has also emphasised the importance of evidence-led preparations for key current and future risks facing the country.

The Adaptation Reports are a critical mechanism for gathering and presenting evidence to understand climate change risks to the UK, and the effectiveness of actions that have been taken, or are planned, to manage these risks. The Adaptation Reports can be beneficial in a number of ways:

- For organisations, reporting shows climate change leadership; ensures risks are identified, assessed and properly managed thereby reducing vulnerability and future costs of inaction; it provides a platform for all to learn from; and publicly highlights examples of good practice.
- Reports contribute to future climate analysis - feeding into UK's Climate Change Risk Assessment to ensure it accurately represents your organisation's actions, the Government's National Adaptation Programme and the Committee on Climate Change's bi-ennial progress reports to Parliament.

We therefore hope you will be able to continue to participate in the third round of reporting, and we look forward to reading your reports in due course.

With best wishes,



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