



The Grayling Society

Dear Ms Griffiths

I am writing to you as the Chair of the Grayling Society, a conservation body endeavouring to protect our most beautiful game fish but, more importantly, the purity of the rivers in which they swim.

As I am sure you are aware, there has been yet another agricultural pollution incident, this time on the river Llynfi. You may recall I was one of the signatories on a recent letter to you asking when you were going to introduce legislation on agricultural pollution. Your response, which staggered me at the time, was that you would wait until the end of the pandemic. What a fantastic case of kicking the can down the road! So, whilst you decide to undertake zero effort in protecting the rivers (and the wildlife that rely upon clean rivers) in Wales, yet another total wipe-out of all the inhabitants of this glorious river has occurred.

Are you content to carry on fiddling while Rome burns or in this case, the rivers of Wales turning into flowing cesspits of animal waste? Wales was famous the world over for having some of the most wonderful rivers and fishing. Almost entirely due to your inaction, these are being destroyed day by day, week by week. There is no more time, you have to act now to protect this resource. You might not realise this, but we are custodians of this planet for the short time we are on it and you, as a representative of the people, are failing signally in your responsibilities.

- Can those who care about the health of rivers expect an apology for your inaction?
- Can you quantify how many more agricultural pollution incidents you deem acceptable before the legislation will be introduced?
- As the pandemic has no foreseeable end date, can you give a date when this legislation will be introduced?
- Please confirm a prosecution will be pursued, especially if it is found the culprit is the same entity that wiped out all aquatic life in this river some 4 years ago?

I look forward to a speedy answer to these questions, I am sure you will not continue to prevaricate whilst pristine Welsh rivers continue to be ruined

Regards

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