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**Today’s date**

**Dear (MP name),**

I am writing to you because I am deeply concerned by the news that the badger cull exists in Staffordshire. This is a subject very close to my heart and one I think the Government has so far got wrong.

The news the cull had been extended in Staffordshire comes after data showed that 3,979 badgers were killed in our county in 2018 and over 4,000 in 2019 – truly terrible statistics.

I agree with the stance taken by Staffordshire Wildlife Trust, our county’s largest nature conservation charity, that the cull should be halted immediately.

I was pleased to hear earlier on in the year that the government is planning investments in a cattle vaccine and badgers culls phased out, however, I was disappointed to find out that this would not be ready until 2025 meanwhile, the cull of badgers (a protected species) still continues even after investment from the government in badger vaccinations.

Like the Trust, I believe culling badgers is not the answer and while remaining conscious of the hardship bovine tuberculosis causes in the farming community, the right mechanisms to control the disease need to be implemented. However, this shouldn’t involve a badger cull and we need the production of a cattle vaccination brought forward and the culls stopped in the meantime with investment in badger vaccinations.

Scientific evidence has shown that killing badgers is not the answer and I am writing to you to ask for the cull to be halted, and to urge the Government to focus on vaccinating badgers and developing a cattle vaccine. I am also asking the Government to implement measures to improve biosecurity on farms and during cattle movements.

I would appreciate if you shared this letter with your colleagues and look forward to hearing from you regarding this issue.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Name**