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Dear Ms Hellsten

**CONSULTATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION – TOWARDS A  
THEMATIC STRATEGY ON THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF PESTICIDES**

English Nature has read with great interest the European Commission's Communication on the Thematic Strategy for Pesticides. We would very much like to contribute to the debate over the future development of the strategy, and our initial response is attached. This response has been produced on behalf of all the statutory nature conservation agencies (English Nature, Countryside Council for Wales, Scottish Natural Heritage, Joint Nature Conservation Committee) in English Nature's capacity as lead agency on pesticides for JNCC.

We would be grateful for the opportunity of discussing the issues raised in the strategy paper with the Commission, and to continue to contribute to thinking on the strategy as it develops. If you would like to discuss any of the points raised, please contact Dr Alastair Burn ([alastair.burn@english-nature.org.uk](mailto:alastair.burn@english-nature.org.uk)), our Senior Pollution Officer.

Yours sincerely

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