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Dear Daniel Paris,

Thank you for your correspondence of 04 May 2023 in which you address the support for High Nature Value (HNV) Farming and Crofting and how this may be an avenue to provide support to more extensive farms under government's proposed Tier 2 Enhanced tier.

As you will be aware the Scottish Government's [Vision for Agriculture](#) outlines our aim to transform how we support farming and food production in Scotland to become a global leader in sustainable and regenerative agriculture.

We are committed to a service design approach to policy making involving user-centred co-development, including through the [Agriculture Reform Implementation Oversight Board](#) (ARIOB) and Policy Development Group where I welcome the valuable contribution of SE Link and it's members.

As part of this co-design process I welcome input and suggestions from stakeholders and I look forward to our forthcoming meeting on 13 September to hear more about your proposals.

Yours sincerely

**MAIRI GOUGEON**

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