Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee

Wednesday, 21 January 2026

Andrew RT Davies MS
Chair, Senedd Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee
CC: Edward Mountain MSP, Convener of the Scottish Parliament's Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee
By email

Subject: Banning Peat Compost

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter regarding the use of peat compost and the importance of protecting our peatlands. The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee shares your concern about the environmental impact of peat extraction and we recognise the strong public support for action.

As you note, one of my colleagues has a particular interest in this issue and we will bear your letter in mind as we consider our future work programme.

While I am limited by the fact that the Committee has not yet taken a formal position on the matter, I am keen to explore opportunities for collaboration where possible, and I appreciate your offer to work together within the time available before the Senedd election.

Thank you again for raising this important issue. Please do keep us informed of any developments on your side, and I will ensure your views are considered as we plan our work.

Yours ever,

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