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Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Chair,

Thank you for your letter of 17 July related to petition P-06-1378, asking how small scale and market gardeners are represented in the Sustainable Farming Scheme Ministerial Roundtable discussions.

We have invited the Chair of the Wales Horticulture Alliance Group to sit on our SFS Stakeholder Officials group and represent the horticulture sector. The Officials Working Group sits as a sub-group beneath the Ministerial Roundtable, and will be reviewing all aspects of scheme design, including payment methodology, before reporting back to the Roundtable.

We have included further detail of how the Ministerial Roundtable and its subgroups operate, including the membership, in our recently published response to the SFS consultation analysis.

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I have been clear that no decisions on SFS design or implementation will be made until we have concluded this next phase of stakeholder engagement. I trust this gives you some reassurance and helpful insight to the process which is underway. Thank you again for writing to me on this important matter.

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