

From: Arla Foods UK

Sent: 17 June 2019 09:10:40

To: Scottish Ministers

Subject: Arla Foods welcomes commitment to carbon net zero in 2050

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Ben Macpherson MSP

Scottish Parliament

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17 June 2019

BY EMAIL

Dear Mr Macpherson,

Arla Foods UK welcomes Government commitment to carbon net zero by 2050

I am writing to welcome the announcement by the Government last week that it will establish a legally binding obligation to cut net carbon emissions across the whole economy to zero by 2050. This is obviously a big step forward, which rightly has cross-party support. This positive proposal will put into law the recommendation made last month by the Committee on Climate Change, which we also welcomed at the time.

Although the Government did not make this point, the Committee's report identified changes in peoples' diets as one of many tools that will need to be deployed to reduce emissions. In particular, it said that everyone would have to consume a fifth less beef, lamb and dairy by the middle of the century. Given that traditionally it has been claimed that dairying has had a negative environmental impact the Committee's views are not surprising. But we argue that such views are rapidly becoming out of date.

As we said when the EAT/Lancet report was published in January, consumers have to weigh up environmental concerns with their need for healthy and nutritious food. It is

important to consider what foods deliver the biggest nutritional benefits for the least environmental impact.

Significantly, as you will know Arla Foods, as a successful, farmer-owned, cooperative, has already been able to commit itself to achieving carbon net zero by the same 2050 date. We have a great track record: while Arla as a whole has managed more than 40% more milk since 2005, our CO2 emissions have reduced by 22% across production and packaging; and on farm emissions of CO2 per kilo of milk have reduced by 24% since 1990. This makes us confident we can achieve our 2050 target, though it will not be easy.

Since announcing our overarching target, we have been working hard to develop detailed plans for the UK of how we will cut emissions across farming, logistics, processing, packaging and elsewhere. We will announce what we plan to do in the coming months.

The prize for us is to play our part in the UK achieving its ambitious goals – and also to be seen as a cooperative leading our industry on climate and environmental issues. As such we want to ensure that the Committee on Climate Change, the Government and above all consumers understand that dairy is very much part of the solution when it comes to climate change, air quality and the environment as a whole. We are very proud of the commitments we have made and the journey we are undertaking to carbon net zero in 2050.

The UK continues to be a key market for Arla, and we continue to work hard on behalf of our farmer owners and our wider business. If you wish to contact me directly to discuss this subject or any other matter, please call me on 0113 382 7125 or email

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Yours sincerely

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Communications Director

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 26 April 2018 16:50:20

To: Public Engagement Unit

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity

Subject: FW: ECCLR Committee Letter

Attachments: 4882.pdf

PEU

Can this please be added to MACCS as a fast track.

Thanks

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Sent: 26 April 2018 16:24

To: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy and Connectivity

Cc: [redacted]

Subject: ECCLR Committee Letter

With reference to recent correspondence from the ECCLR committee to yourself, please find attached a letter from SRUC.

Kind Regards, [redacted]
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April 26th, 2018

Dear Cabinet Secretary,

We are taking this opportunity to write to you in connection with the letter from the Environment, Climate Change and Land Reform (ECCLR) Committee to yourself, dated 25 April 2018, in relation to the evidence presented to the ECCLR Committee by Adrian Gault, the Acting Chief Executive of the Committee on Climate Change (CCC).

We note the points raised concerning: the carbon envelope of the agricultural sector; Voluntary

Approaches to Action in the Agricultural Sector, including “Farming for a Better Climate” (FFBC); the evaluation of the Farming for a Better Climate Scheme; and the current efficacy of communication with farmers and the agricultural community.

Across SRUC and SAC Consulting, we have considerable expertise and experience in these areas across the breadth of rural Scotland, and have been building an evidence-base around specific aspects of the impact of agriculture on Climate Change.

Should you wish to make contact with us whilst preparing your response to the ECCLR Committee prior to May 22nd, we would be delighted to assist either in writing and/or through meeting(s) with yourself or your team.

Kind Regards,

[redacted] (Principal & Chief Executive)

[redacted] (Academic Director)

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From: [redacted]

Sent: 15 March 2019 13:40:42

To: Public Engagement Unit

Cc: Cabinet Secretary for the Rural Economy

Subject: FW: A new bespoke policy on farming and food production for
Scotland

AO ? [redacted]

Dear PEU,

Please add to MACCS.

Thanks,

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Subject: A new bespoke policy on farming and food production for Scotland

Dear Mr Ewing,

My colleague, [redacted], and I recently met with Mike Rumbles, MSP, to discuss some concerns pertaining to the new Climate Change Bill as it progresses through the Scottish parliament. Our concerns are particularly in relation to livestock agriculture and the impact that it has on the environment, human health, and on the animals themselves.

Given that the IPCC (SR1.5, 2018) has stated that a 29-70% saving in CO2 eq would

be made by a global shift to a plant-based diet, I'm sure you would agree that Scotland

must play its part in reducing emissions through changes in food production and consumption.

Mr Rumbles shared his proposal with us that was accepted into the debate in January

concerning a new agricultural policy for Scotland post 2022: "to convene a group consisting of producer, consumer and environmental organisations to inform and recommend a new bespoke policy on farming and food production in Scotland".

Mike encouraged us to approach you about being included in such a group, and we certainly would be very keen to be involved.

[redacted] is a grass-roots organisation that began in the Highlands four years ago. We now have over 950 members and branches in the Highlands/Moray; Aberdeenshire, Ayrshire and the Scottish Borders. Our purpose is assist people in making the connection between their lifestyle choices and the impact on the environment, their own health, and the lives of other species.

I'm sure you are aware, Mr Ewing, that the number of vegans in the UK has grown by

over 360% in the last ten years and continues to increase daily. An estimated 7% of the UK is now vegan which is beginning to manifest in a decrease in the demand for meat, dairy and animal products in general. Transitioning away from livestock agriculture towards growing (protein) crops for human consumption is an ongoing area of research that needs to be supported and ultimately implemented in a significant way - for the sake of the environment and to supply changes in demand.

I myself have a degree in Agriculture (BSc. 1983) from the University of Aberdeen and farmed for several years; Amanda is an Engineer. I feel we would both be valuable assets as and when you are ready to convene a group on the future of farming

and food production in Scotland.

Many thanks for you time, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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Founding Director, [redacted]

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