

# Nature Matters NI



*A healthy environment where people co-exist with abundant wildlife, enjoying clean air, water and seas*

Dear Candidate,

Nature Matters NI is a campaign for a nature-friendly Brexit that is working for more **sustainable land-use and fisheries, and better environmental protection for Northern Ireland.**

Northern Ireland continues to lose species and habitats at an **alarming rate**. Communities and our land and seas are feeling the damaging impact of climate change and this is projected to get much worse in the near future.

**I am a supporter of Nature Matters NI and I want our politicians and political parties to deliver improved environmental protection and climate change prevention through:**

- **A long-term environment plan** for Northern Ireland that has measurable targets and is set in law
- The creation, protection and maintenance of green spaces and public access to these. We need a network of these important areas to **allow wildlife to recover and thrive** in Northern Ireland.
- Ensuring, on leaving the EU, that **environmental governance in Northern Ireland is upheld to its current standards and improved upon** to ensure strong compliance with environmental law.
- Each council having a **Climate Change Plan** to lower its carbon footprint and help adapt against the future impact of climate change on the community.
- Ensure that protection of the **environment is a priority in local planning** decisions and that Local Development Plans take account of the duty to **protect and enhance biodiversity.**