

Dear [MS name],

I write as your constituent and a [member/supporter] of [local Badger Group] to ask you to support keeping Wales Cull-Free and be guided by science.

Badger Trust & other NGOs are holding an event in the Senedd Media Room on 10th November, alongside a peaceful public gathering outside the Senedd. I know you are very busy, but I hope you or a staff member can attend and hear directly from people who want farmers supported, cattle healthy, wildlife protected and Wales kept cull-free

Wales has made real progress on bovine TB without a badger cull, through cattle measures. Since 2010, bTB herd incidence has fallen by 44%, compared with 32% in England, where even Defra says it cannot prove badger culling has made any measurable difference. Around 96% of Welsh cattle herds are officially TB-free, further evidence that cattle-based measures are the real solution. We should build on Wales's science-led progress, not repeat England's costly, failed and unethical path of killing wildlife.

The impact of bovine TB on farming families is devastating and must be alleviated using proven science, not political spin or prejudice. Farmers need practical support and measures that make a lasting, measurable difference: better testing and diagnostics; strong on- and off-farm hygiene and biosecurity; effective cattle infection controls, including slurry and manure management; free advice for livestock owners and vets; and rapid rollout of cattle vaccination.

Bovine TB must be tackled in cattle. Culling badgers is a cruel, costly distraction, not the long-term solution farmers or taxpayers need. A badger cull would take public money, time and attention away from the cattle-based measures already demonstrated to work effectively.

Before any such policy change is considered, Welsh Government must be transparent about the full financial, animal-welfare and ecological costs; how many badgers would be killed; what additional disease-control benefit a cull would deliver; and why that investment would not be better spent tackling bTB in cattle. With 96% of Welsh cattle herds officially TB-free, it is clear that cattle-based measures are working.

Badgers are protected native Welsh wildlife and one of the most widely loved wild animals. At a time when Wales faces a nature crisis and is one of the world's most nature-depleted countries, they should be part of nature's recovery, not its decline. There is also a Senedd petition calling for Wales to remain cull-free. I hope its enormous support leads to a full debate, so the public's views can be heard. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you will:

- Oppose any lethal badger control or badger cull in Wales.
- Support effective, science-led, proven cattle-focused bTB solutions that support farmers and protect wildlife.
- Call for Welsh Government to publish the full business case, including costs, funding, animal-welfare and ecological implications, numbers targeted, and additional benefit over non-lethal options.
- Support a full Senedd debate on the petition.
- Call for a full public consultation should a revised bTB strategy, wildlife intervention or any badger cull be considered.

Thank you for considering my views. I look forward to hearing your position.

Yours sincerely, [Name]

[Address]