

If Government serious about animal welfare they should amend EU Bill – Sue Hayman

Sue Hayman MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, commenting on a written statement from the Government on animal welfare today, said:

“Michael Gove's statement today is totally inadequate. The Government had the opportunity to put their warm words on animal welfare into action by backing Labour calls for animal sentience to be recognised as part of the EU Withdrawal Bill but they failed to take it.

“The Tories clearly have a problem when it comes to animal welfare, with Theresa May's declared support during the election for bringing back fox-hunting and the poorly regulated and inhumane expansion of the badger cull across England. If the Government are serious about animal welfare, they should reverse their decision and amend the EU Withdrawal Bill without further delay.”