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Sue Hayman MP, Labour's Shadow Environment Secretary, commenting following the PM's speech, said:

"The Government has missed a crucial opportunity to make significant progress on the environment with this insubstantial, weak and long overdue 25 year plan.

"The plan published today simply fails to match the scale of the environmental problems we face. The lack of ambition and concrete measures is a cause for alarm in light of Britain leaving the European Union when the UK will no longer be subject to environmental protections and targets.

"As usual with this Tory government, this provides for very little concrete action. The Prime Minister's speech and the plan itself contain very little new material, mostly repeating and repackaging existing policies and previous announcements."