# <u>Tories forced into fox hunting U-turn</u> <u>Sue Hayman</u>

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Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, commenting on a Tory U-turn on fox hunting, said:

### "After

backing fox hunting at the last election and promising a free vote in the Tory

manifesto Theresa May has been forced to U-turn on this cruel policy. Under pressure from Labour, the Conservatives are finally rethinking their abysmal record on animal welfare.

## "The

government must now move to halt their poorly regulated and unscientific badger

cull across England.

#### "The

Tories have taken rural areas for granted. While they continue to focus on fox

hunting, rural poverty remains a huge issue and infrastructure and services in

rural areas have been run into the ground.

# "It's time

this Government started taking action to tackle the real issues facing rural communities."