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Conservatives Encourage Participation in Future Countryside Debate

NICK HERBERT, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs has announced the launch of *Future Countryside* (www.futurecountryside.com) a website that will provide a forum to explore issues in four areas: Food and Farming, Biodiversity and Conservation, A Changing Environment and Resources and Regulation. By opening up the debate in these areas to those directly affected, the Conservatives hope to gain a better view of environmental and agricultural policy, which will help them if they are successful at the next General Election.

Commenting on *Future Countryside*, **Philip Milton**, Prospective Member of Parliament for North Devon said:

“I would encourage local farmers, wildlife groups and any of my constituents who feel strongly about agricultural and environmental issues to log onto *Future Countryside* and have their say. In North Devon we are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful parts of Britain and the *Future Countryside* website will give the people here a chance to have an input into Conservative thinking that affects areas like ours. If we win the next General Election we want to be a government that listens and by getting onto *Future Countryside* and telling us what matters to them on rural issues my constituents can help us do that.”

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