

The Secretary of State for the Environment, Food ϑ Rural Affairs

12 October 2020

GRANT AGREEMENT PUBLICATION DATA

Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing this letter under clause 7.3 of the Grant Agreement between you and the Trust dated 28 June 2012, following the delay by the Trust in publishing the Publication Data set out in Schedule 5 of the Agreement beyond 1 July.

The Publication Data is usually published by the Trust as part of its Annual Report & Accounts, which has been delayed this year due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, in common with many other organisations.

I am aware that the clause 7.3 specifies that a letter informing you of the delay is sent by 1 September. This requirement has only come to attention of both parties in recent days, hence why I am writing to you now – although I know that the Trust and Defra officials have regular meetings and the delay in publication has been anticipated and acknowledged for some months.

The Trust's Annual Report & Accounts is due to be published next week and will contain the Publication Data as in previous years.

Yours sincerely

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