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Dear Lord Gardiner,

### **Report of the Attorney General on the Malvern Hills Bill**

Standing Order 142 of the House of Lords requires the Attorney General to provide a report on this bill to the House before it can be taken into consideration by the committee on the bill. I have considered the provisions of the bill and how it affects the beneficial interests in charity.

As set out in the explanatory notes of the Bill the Malvern Hills Bill is promoted by the Malvern Hills Conservators ("the Trust") – a charity which exists to preserve the natural aspect of the Malvern Hills and to keep them unenclosed and unbuilt on as open spaces for the enjoyment of the public. The Bill seeks to consolidate the Trust's five governing pieces of legislation (the Malvern Hills Acts 1884, 1909, 1924, 1930, and 1995) into one new Act.

The Act also repeals outdated and redundant legislation in so far as it relates to the Trust and confirms Trust's powers to operate and manage the Malvern Hills following these repeals. There is a clear benefit in updating and consolidating the provisions which govern the Trust to make those provisions fit for purpose in the modern era.

The Malvern Hills are a place of significant environmental, cultural, and historical importance. A practically effective constitution is vital to ensuring the ongoing operation of the charity which protects this place. I am satisfied that the Bill achieves a balance between modernising the Trust's constitutional framework whilst ensuring the furtherance of its charitable objectives. In my view, there is nothing in the Bill which will impede the charity's ability to act in accordance with its charitable purpose.

Kind Regards,

**RT HON LORD HERMER KC**  
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