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**From the Chief Scientific Adviser**

**Professor Ian Boyd**

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Dear [REDACTED]

I wanted to offer you a short note of thanks for hosting our visit to Syngenta's Jealott's Hill research facility on Monday. Both Arwyn and I enjoyed the day and thought that the discussions were very informative. It was also good to be able to see and hear about the sharp end of the company's work first hand and to engage with staff. I was impressed to see how many turned up to the lunchtime session, which I thought produced some well-informed questions.

A key and urgent issue for us now is to take forward actions at our end around your joint industry neonics field trial. As I mentioned yesterday, this will entail seeking a view on detailed aspects of the study design from my Pollinators Expert Advisory Group and also sharing the main elements of it with a group of core stakeholders. In order to benefit from any feedback that might be offered, we really need to get the paperwork out by around the middle of next week. If it possible, therefore, to advance the timetable for provision of a late draft to allow this to happen, this would be very helpful to us.

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Best regards

**Professor Ian Boyd**

