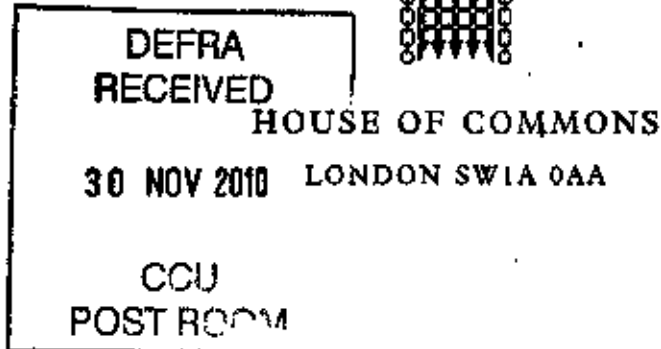


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Dear Secretary of State,

I am writing to you in advance of your Department's meeting with the Home Office to look at ways to review the licensing arrangements and reduce the administrative burden on growers of industrial hemp. There are a substantial number of hemp growers in the South West Norfolk whose crop has a variety of secondary uses including as bedding for the grasses in the Olympic Park wetlands.

I strongly support further deregulation in this area, especially in light of the impact it has on the competitiveness and livelihoods of British hemp growers. I would encourage your officials and you to look into ways that this can be achieved.

Yours sincerely,

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