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From the Minister for Biodiversity, Landscape and Rural Affairs  
Barry Gardiner MP

**Dear Sir Alan**

## **BROADS AUTHORITY PRIVATE BILL**

I am writing regarding the compatibility of the above Private Bill, being promoted by the Broads Authority, and which was recently deposited in the House, with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR), as required by the Government's undertaking to scrutinise promoters' assessments of ECHR compatibility of Private Bills.

I believe the promoters have undertaken a full assessment of the compatibility of their proposals with the ECHR, and I see no reason to dispute their conclusions.

  
**Signed by  
Barry Gardiner**

BARRY GARDINER