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From Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP, Chair

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Dear Sir,

Your interests

Following the oral evidence that you gave to the House of Commons Science and Technology Committee on 15 January 2019, concern has been raised in the press about the nature of your interests and your consultancy's clients.

I note that your Chairmanship of Sancroft International Ltd is declared in the Lords Register and in the transparency data published by the Committee on Climate Change. Nevertheless, in line with the 'Principles of Public Life', my Committee feel it would have been appropriate for you to have alerted us to your Chairmanship and the nature of your clients.

I have written already to Chris Stark, Chief Executive of the Committee on Climate Change, to ask him how they manage potential conflicts of interest. He indicated to us that you have stated to the Committee on Climate Change that "there is no truth in the allegations of conflict as reported in the Mail on Sunday". However, given Sancroft's reported clients, it is not clear how you ensure that no conflict of interest could arise, and how you can demonstrate that to be the case. I would therefore be grateful if you could provide my Committee with the following information:

- Do Sancroft's clients include those reported in the press, or any other companies or organisations that could stand to benefit from advice produced by the Committee on Climate Change?
- What specific measures do you take to ensure that no possible conflict of interest arises between your Chairmanships of both the Committee on Climate Change and Sancroft International Ltd?

If possible, it would be helpful if we could have your reply no later than Tuesday 30 April.

Rt Hon Norman Lamb MP
Chair