HMWT response to the EU Referendum debate

In response to the current debate about the EU Referendum and potential impacts on wildlife, Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust have released the following statement:

Herts & Middlesex Wildlife Trust is a local charity committed to delivering an environment rich in wildlife for everyone. We are a non-political organisation and we recognise that there are many factors that people will consider when choosing how to vote in the EU Referendum. It is not our remit to advise people how to vote.

Nationally, the Wildlife Trusts, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds and the Worldwide Fund for Nature have commissioned a report from the Institute for European Environmental Policy to look at the pros and cons for the environment of the UK leaving the European Union. The report is due to be published on Wednesday 9th March.

The Trust has received funding from the EU in the past through both agri-environment schemes and one-off grants to help manage our nature reserves, such as the Bittern Conservation project at Amwell Nature Reserve.

Whatever the outcome of the EU Referendum, we will continue to seek to protect and secure a future for our wildlife. We believe this is best achieved by encouraging robust environmental legislation and policy, and a long term commitment to delivering high environmental standards.