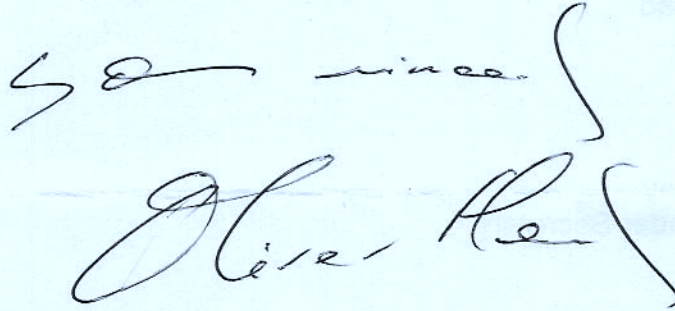


The Government supports proportionate controls on GM technology, including the existing provisions enshrined in the Cartagena Protocol. We do not believe, however, that it would be appropriate to take any enforcement action against Oxitec in the way that you suggest.

Your comments regarding setting time limits in respect of Article 6 of Regulation (EC) 1946/2003 have been noted. Any process to amend the EU legislation would be a major undertaking, and we are not convinced of the need for this based on the experience we have had so far. What we have done is arrange for UK stakeholders to be reminded of their obligations to notify GMO transboundary movements, and will keep this matter under review.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lord Henley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L" and "H".

**LORD HENLEY**