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Dear Mark

I'm writing to you to follow up the recent helpful informal discussions between our teams around the recommendations from Environmental Standards Scotland's report "The Risks to Scotland's Soils: A Scoping Report".

[The Soils Policy Route Map](#), commissioned from ClimateXChange, provides a valuable framework for guiding future strategic action on soil health in Scotland. The Route Map sets out recommendations under four strategic objectives to take the work forward, which are currently being progressed. To build on this work, Scottish Government has now commissioned an extension to the Route Map which will expand on the proposed delivery pathways and strengthen alignment with wider environmental policy frameworks. This extension is expected to be published in spring 2026.

We look forward to continuing to liaise with ESS as we take forward the priorities set out in the Route Map and develop the next steps for a coordinated approach to soil health in Scotland.

Kind regards,
Tim Ellis

