



BAGSHOT PARK

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Dear John

At this time of uncertainty for everyone across the country, please know that that I am thinking of all of you involved in ensuring the supply of British meat. The efforts of all the livestock farmers, processors and retailers is crucial in maintaining supplies to customers over the whole country.

The work led by you and your colleagues at The Royal Smithfield Club last year in establishing the Smithfield Forum, was an important step in developing your voice on behalf of the whole industry, supported by all the major organisations and businesses in the sector.

Understandably, plans for 2020 have had to be suspended, including the cancellation of the London Rethink conference in March. When we emerge from the current crisis, we will need to consider how best to support the British livestock farmer and their whole supply chain against economic turmoil. I know that you and colleagues will rise to that challenge.

My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Please look after yourselves and each other as we make our way through this period.

With very best wishes,

HRH The Countess of Wessex GCVO

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