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City and Guilds Level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife

Dear Robin

Please accept this letter of support for the conservation pathway of the level 2 Technical Certificate in Land and Wildlife submitted to the department of Education.

LEAF (Linking Environment and Farming) is the go-to organisation for the promotion of sustainable food and farming. We work with farmers, the food industry, scientists and consumers, to inspire and enable sustainable farming that is prosperous, enriches the environment and engages local communities. LEAF was set up in 1991 to develop more sustainable farming systems, something we promote through Integrated Farm Management. We feel the conservation pathway will equip students with the skills and knowledge needed to enter the conservation sector and further enrich the environment.

The qualification looks to include several skills and areas of knowledge, including species identification and surveying, environmental conservation of flora and fauna, land and countryside use and provide 150 hours of relevant work experience. LEAF believes there are all core skills needed to enter the conservation sector.

LEAF believes these topics, as well as the others include in this pathway, will provide a person with the relevant knowledge and skills, to enter the conservation sector as a conservation worker, recreation ranger or maintenance operative. In addition, the qualification would also be suitable for someone to progress to further learning and training, or to an apprenticeship.

Yours Sincerely

Caroline Drummond MBE,
LEAF Chief Executive