

# It will be crucial to scrutinise any exemptions to the ivory trade ban being proposed – Sue Hayman MP

**Sue Hayman MP, Labour's Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs**, commenting on the proposed ban on ivory sales, said:

"A total ban on trading ivory is long overdue.

"Finally, Environment Secretary Michael Gove has followed Labour's lead on this issue.

"But, given the Conservative Party's failure to include this policy in their manifesto and their notoriously poor record on animal welfare, it will be crucial to scrutinise any exemptions to the trade ban being proposed and to ensure these proposals are comprehensive and followed through."