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Hayman MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, commenting on the report of the Special Rapporteur on the implications on environmental protections and standards on human rights in the UK, said:

"This is a damning and shameful indictment of the Government's lack of action on air quality and a stark warning ahead of Brexit of its flimsy promises on the future of environmental protections.

"The UN Special Rapporteur raises some extremely grave concerns in his report, most notably regarding Michael Gove's 'worrying' lack of commitment to environmental protections post Brexit, the crippling impact of austerity on the UK's ability to monitor and enforce environmental standards, and the disregard for the health of UK citizens.

"By simply blaming our membership of the E.U. on the long list of failings outlined in the report, the response from the government could not have been more inappropriate or cynical.

"Michael Gove must urgently set out his response to the concerns raised in this report and take stronger and more immediate action on all areas of public health and environmental concern that have been highlighted."