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To whom it may concern,

[COM/2023/769 Proposal for Regulation on the welfare of dogs and cats and their traceability](#)

At its meeting on 29 January 2026, the Windsor Framework Democratic Scrutiny Committee (DSC) considered the above proposed new EU act, which it is monitoring as it progresses through the EU legislative process.

The EU has indicated that it considers the proposed act to be within the scope of the Windsor Framework, and therefore may seek to add it, via the process set out in Article 13(4) of the Windsor Framework, to the list of EU laws applicable in Northern Ireland.

The DSC noted that the Council of the EU and the European Parliament had reached a provisional agreement on the proposed EU act, and it considered an [assessment of impact](#) from the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs on the provisionally agreed text.

The DSC previously consulted stakeholders on the proposed EU act, and is now **seeking views on the [provisionally agreed text](#)**. Specifically, the DSC is seeking your views on whether applying/not applying the proposed act would have a significant negative impact specific to everyday life of communities in Northern Ireland in a way that is liable to persist.

Should you wish to provide views, you can do so via Citizen Space at the following link: <https://consult.nia-yourassembly.org.uk/windsor-framework-democratic-scrutiny-committee/com-2023-769/>

The DSC requests that you share the survey with any relevant contacts.

Please note that the survey will close on 1 March 2026.

The Northern Ireland Assembly uses Citizen Space in its calls for evidence. However, if you are unable to access Citizen Space or need to provide your response in an alternative format, please contact the committee office at: windsorframework.committee@niassembly.gov.uk. Please see the [Privacy Notice](#) for more information on how Northern Ireland Assembly Committees process and protect personal data we collect from you, or which you provide.

Yours sincerely,

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