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I hope to make a more detailed response in due course, but as an initial general reaction I would urge the Commission to continue the thankless task of trying to persuade the Government of the merits of statutory consolidation exercises. There are so many areas of law where the statute book is in such a fragmented and patchwork condition that it is virtually unusable, even with the benefit of the various databases that are available. In my own direct experience, local government, planning and nature conservation are obvious candidates – there are many more - and with the challenge of properly integrating inherited EU provisions as part of the domestic legal framework, the need is even more urgent. I fully appreciate that the Government is unlikely to make the resources available for anything to happen in this area, but protecting rights is a key element in its Programme for Government and this requires access to justice which involves the law itself being accessible.

Anything that can be done to improve the state of the statute book, in any area, is welcome, and please do not give up on raising this, even though we know the likely disappointing response.

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