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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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*New Contract,*

**RE: #TRANSFORMTRANSPORT CAMPAIGN.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding the Greenpeace #transformtransport campaign, with specific reference to improving bus services; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

You may be aware that the Government consulted on bringing forward to 2035 the date at which sales of new petrol, diesel and hybrid cars and vans will end, or even earlier still, should a faster transition prove feasible. This is to help the UK hit its ambitious, legally binding target to reach net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Encouraging people to opt for public transport rather than cars, as well as the increased use of greener, more sustainable modes of travel, such as cycling, will be vital in helping to achieve this target and I welcome that the Government are looking at ways to innovate our buses and enable fleets across the UK to become greener.

In September last year, the Government committed £50 million to create our country's first all-electric bus town. Moreover, in February this year, funding was announced to support the purchase of at least 4,000 new zero emission buses, as part of the £5 billion of new funding to boost bus and cycling links across the country.

In addition to enhancing connectivity, reducing congestion and improving air quality, these programmes will also support the UK's bus manufacturing sector.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom'.

**TOM PURSGLOVE MP**  
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