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Dear Constance,

RE: GREEN & FAIR COVID-19 RECOVERY.

Thank you for your recent correspondence about a green and fair recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; your comments upon which I have read with great interest.

These have been very difficult times for the country and whilst it is paramount to protect jobs and the economy, I appreciate that questions are also being asked about the way in which the country does business in the future.

I agree that as we recover as a country from COVID-19, the Government needs to deliver an economy which is stronger, greener, more sustainable and more resilient. By doing this, we will protect jobs and add many more employment opportunities.

I was therefore pleased that the Prime Minister announced the Government's 'Ten Point Plan' for a green industrial revolution which will allow us to end the UK's contribution to climate change. The plan covers clean energy, transport, nature and innovative technologies and mobilises £12 billion of Government investment. In addition, it will support and create up to 250,000 jobs. The plan includes commitments such as ending the sale of new diesel or petrol vehicles by 2030, planting 30,000 hectares of trees every year, investing an extra £200 million in carbon capture technology and providing up to £500 million to trial homes using hydrogen for heating and cooking.

This comes on top of the work which is already underway, including the Green Homes Grant scheme, which is estimated to result in improving the energy efficiency of 650,000 homes, and the Government's recent announcement of a £160 million investment in offshore wind. I welcome that the Green Homes Grant scheme has been extended by a year to now end on the 31st March 2022.

The UK has played a world-leading role in tackling climate change and pioneering the transition to clean growth, with the UK being the first major economy to legislate to eliminate our contribution to climate change by 2050, and the fastest in the G20 to cut emissions. Since 1990, the UK has cut emissions by more than 40%, while growing the economy by more than two thirds, and we are a world-leader in offshore wind. The new ten point plan enables the UK to build on its strengths and utilise our potential.



I understand that there is more to be done, but I hope this reassures you of the Government's strong commitment to a greener, more sustainable and fairer future. In terms of the specific further points and ideas you raise, I will be sure to make your views known to my ministerial colleagues in the discussions I have over the coming days.

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,
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