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RE: FUEL DUTY

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding fuel prices.

I welcome the fact that the decision to freeze fuel duty for eleven consecutive years has saved the average driver over £1,600 compared to the pre-2010 escalator.

Cars are essential to many people here in the constituency and I have conveyed your comments and the research of Cebr and FairFuelUK on fuel duty to my ministerial colleagues at the Treasury.

It is encouraging that for the first time since 1926, money raised through car tax (Vehicle Excise Duty) is now being spent directly on the roads. Around £28 billion is being invested in England's strategic and local roads - an amount equivalent to all VED receipts. I was also very pleased to see the announcement in the recent Spending Review that £1.7 billion has been made available for local highway authorities in England (outside London) for 2021-2022 to improve the condition of local roads and associated infrastructure.

My colleagues at the Treasury have also emphasised that any future fuel duty rates will be considered in the context of the UK's commitment to reach net-zero emissions by 2050.

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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