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Dear local resident,

Thank you for your email about the Friends of the Earth Climate Action Pledge.

I was interested to read this pledge and, whilst I agree with its sentiment, I do not think that the group's Action Plan is a workable solution. I also do not agree with the group's claim that the Government is letting the public down when it comes to tackling climate change.

Indeed, the UK is taking a leading role on the international stage and was the first country to legislate to eliminate our contribution to climate change by 2050, and the fastest in the G20 to cut emissions. You may be interested to know that, since 1990, the UK has cut emissions by more than 40 per cent while growing the economy by more than two thirds. The UK is also a world-leader in utilising offshore wind.

To continue this momentum, the Government has announced around £2 billion for new policies since setting the Net Zero targets and a new Prime Minister-chaired Cabinet Committee on Climate Change has been established to ensure all arms of Government are focused on tackling this challenge. The UK will also continue to use its position as a global leader by hosting the UN Climate Change Summit in Glasgow in 2020 and will ask international partners to match the UK's ambition.

At the same time, the ambitious *Environment Bill* is being introduced to protect and improve the environment for future generations, enshrining in law environmental principles and legally-binding targets.

I hope that this information is helpful and I would like to assure you that I shall be following the Government's work in this area closely. If you have any further concerns about this, or anything else, please do let me know.

Yours sincerely,



Jane Hunt MP