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Dear Meg,

Thank you for your email of 8 October on behalf of your constituents, regarding their concerns about climate change. My sincere apologies for the time taken to respond.

There is no doubt that climate change is one of the most profound global challenges we face. The decisions we make today will affect the future of our planet for generations to come, and the Government fully recognises that action is urgently needed in our own country and across the world.

The UK recently hosted the crucial UN climate change conference COP26 to deliver the Glasgow Climate Pact. The final COP26 text follows two years of intense diplomacy and campaigning undertaken by the UK Presidency to raise ambition and secure action from almost 200 countries.

The Glasgow Climate Pact, combined with increased ambition and action from countries, means that 1.5C remains in sight, but it will only be delivered with concerted and immediate global efforts. The Pact requests Parties to revisit and strengthen the 2030 targets in their nationally determined contributions as necessary to align with the Paris Agreement temperature goal by the end of 2022, taking into account different national circumstances. It also establishes a yearly high-level ministerial round table on pre-2030 ambition, requests an annual synthesis report of NDCs, and invites the Secretary General of the United Nations to convene world leaders in 2023. We will continue to demonstrate strong UK leadership throughout our Presidency year to make sure the commitments made in Glasgow are delivered.

The UK has achieved a great deal on the road to net zero. Between 1990 and 2019, we grew our economy by 78% and cut our emissions by 44%, decarbonising faster than any other G7 country. The UK was also the first major economy to put into law a commitment to net zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050. Our Net Zero Strategy delivers a comprehensive set of measures to support and capitalise on the UK's transition to net zero

by 2050. It sets out how we will end our domestic contribution to climate change with a UK-wide approach where 'green' and 'growth' go hand in hand.

The commitments made will unlock up to £90 billion of private investment by 2030, and support 440,000 well-paid jobs in green industries in 2030. This will provide certainty to businesses to support the UK in gaining a competitive edge in the latest low carbon technologies – from heat pumps to electric vehicles – and in developing thriving green industries in our industrial heartlands – from carbon capture to hydrogen, backed by new funding.

Please pass on my thanks to your constituents for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alok Sharma', with a small flourish at the end.

**The Rt Hon Alok Sharma MP**  
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