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From the Direct Communications Unit

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Amy

Dear Amy

I am writing on behalf of the Prime Minister to thank you for your letter of 4 January 2020 in which you raise the important matter of climate change.

It is really encouraging to see young people like yourself thinking hard about the future of our planet, the impact of climate change and the actions the UK Government is taking to tackle it.

I agree with you that climate change is an important issue. That is why we are determined to tackle it and leave our natural environment in a better condition than we found it. I am pleased to tell you that between the years 1990 and 2017 we have reduced our emissions by over 40%.

We know we need to go further and that is why, on 27 June 2019, we set a new target to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions from across the UK economy by 2050. A net zero target means that emissions of greenhouse gases driven by human activity are balanced by methods of removing emissions from the atmosphere, such as through tree planting.

Our net zero target means that from 2050, the UK will stop contributing to climate change. Our plan, called the Clean Growth Strategy, shows how we are going to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions from our factories, cars, aeroplanes and many other areas in our society. You can find out more about this at : <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/clean-growth-strategy>

The Government cannot beat climate change on its own: we need support and action from all parts of society. Everybody can help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by

doing simple things like using less energy at home, recycling and walking or using public transport instead of travelling by car.

You might be interested in reading through this guide on some steps that we can all take. I would encourage you to share it with your friends and family too: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/green-great-britain-week-simple-steps-you-can-take-to-reduce-emissions>

Thank you, once again, for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pierre".

Correspondence Officer