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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for contacting me about net zero. I stood on a manifesto which promised to reach net zero by 2050 with investment in clean energy solutions and green infrastructure to reduce carbon emissions and pollution.

I am keen that the Government delivers on that promise made to the British people, just like it did with Brexit, and I am encouraged that earlier this year the Government set out a sensible and pragmatic way to get there with the Prime Minister's Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution and the Net Zero Strategy.

It is worth noting that at the 2019 General Election two very different views of how to reach net zero were put forward and voted on by the British people.

One from the Opposition which involved extensive renationalisation of energy companies and business, higher taxes and bills, less consumer choice and more intrusion into people's everyday lives – an approach, which I note was branded “utterly unachievable” by the GMB Union, who warned it would threaten whole communities and jobs.

Meanwhile the approach this Government is taking is to unleash the power of technology, private enterprise and the dynamism of our free market economy to harness the best of British innovation – just as we did in the last industrial revolution – to help create thousands of jobs in new future-proof industries. These plans are already seeing tens of billions invested in the UK in areas like Teesside and the Midlands creating thousands of good jobs.

We should not be in doubt: there is a global race to develop new green technology, kick-start new industries and attract private investment. The countries that capture the benefits of this global green industrial revolution will enjoy unrivalled growth and prosperity for decades to come. Acting now will put the United Kingdom at the forefront of large, expanding global markets and allow us to capitalise on export opportunities in low carbon technologies and services.

I will continue to make the case for this pragmatic approach, net zero is an opportunity to grow our economy and to strengthen the UK's place in the world.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP
MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY