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Dear Ms Coutinho,

I am writing on behalf of South Oxfordshire District Council regarding the recent announcement by the Prime Minister of a New approach to Net Zero. We are disappointed by HM Government's decision to weaken the UK's environmental commitments and regret that these actions have been taken. The council believes that these policy changes are an abdication of HM Government's responsibilities in relation to the climate emergency and will ultimately prove to be counterproductive.

We are, therefore, requesting that HM Government provides a regulatory impact assessment of the outcome of these policy changes. We would also like for a rationale to be given for how these modifications will be compliant with the UK's statutory obligations to meet current and future carbon budgets.

South Oxfordshire has an ambition of becoming a net zero district by 2030 – a goal that has been made much harder to achieve by the choice to delay the UK's transition to clean energy.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely



Cllr David Rouane
Leader of South Oxfordshire District Council