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Dear Mr Litster

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding charging points for electric vehicles (EVs). I hope this letter helps to reassure you that the Government is taking action with regards to the issues you mention.

To start, as part of an ambitious ten-point plan for a Green Industrial Revolution, the Government will bring forward the date at which sales of new petrol and diesel cars will end to 2030. EVs will play a crucial role in helping the UK to reach net zero carbon emissions by 2050. By 2030, the sale of new petrol and diesel cars and vans will be phased out and by 2035, all new cars and vans must be zero emission at the tailpipe. The Government has revealed its intention to install 300,000 public EV chargepoints by 2030 – equivalent to almost 5 times the number of fuel pumps on our roads today.

The Government has an important role to play in supporting the transition. That is why the plug-in car grant, which has so far supported the purchase of nearly half a million vehicles. Now, ministers are focusing the grant on the cleanest and most affordable zero emission models, providing grants of up to £1,500 for electric cars priced under £32,000.

Of course, infrastructure and production capacity must keep pace with EV sales, which is why the Government is investing £3.5 billion to support the automotive sector and consumers in the transition to zero emissions vehicles. This includes: £1 billion of Government investment to support the electrification of UK vehicles and their supply chains; £620 million for targeted electric vehicle grants and infrastructure; and £275 million to extend support for charge point installation at homes, workplaces and on-street locations. The Government is also investing a further £381 million through launch of the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure scheme.

Furthermore, the Government will be taking forward other measures from its Taking Charge strategy, including the new £450 million Local EV Infrastructure Fund which will support local authorities, working with industry, to deliver chargepoints for drivers without off-street parking. It will also be reforming the Electric Vehicle Homecharge Scheme to focus on renters, leaseholders and those living in flats and expanding its workplace charging scheme.

Driving an electric vehicle should be convenient for people right across the country, regardless of where they live. Gaps in the availability of charging infrastructure in different parts of the country must be addressed and so the Government is financially supporting local authorities to build up their electric car charging infrastructure to increase local access.

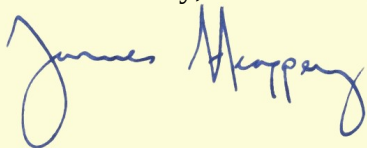
As you correctly mention in your email to me, Ministers aim to have six rapid chargepoints at

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every motorway service area in England by the end of 2023. To support this goal, I am told that the Government will invest £950 million in the Rapid Charging Fund which will future-proof electrical capacity at motorway and major A road service areas, dashing any anxiety around long journeys and making charging as easy as refuelling a petrol or diesel car.

And further, new homes and buildings such as supermarkets and workplaces, as well as those undergoing major renovation, will be required to install electric vehicle charge points from next year under new legislation. This will mean that people can buy new properties which are ready for an EV future, while ensuring charge points are readily available at new shops and workplaces across the UK – making it as easy as refuelling a petrol or diesel car today.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Heappey'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'J' and a long, sweeping underline.

James Heappey MP