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Dear Prime Minister,

Please find attached the “Air Quality Strategy to Reduce Coronavirus” from the All-Party Group on Air Pollution which comprises twelve sets of proposals to ensure a clean air trajectory out of the coronavirus lockdown.

Research presented to the APPG from Harvard, Queen Mary and York universities, at the launch of our June report, suggested that COVID-19 death rates and the likelihood of infection are both directly related to air pollution. Specifically, a 1 micro-gramme per cubic metre increase in PM2.5 particulates equates to a significant increase in infection rates and an 8% increase in COVID deaths.

Air pollution was already causing 64,000 early deaths before the pandemic. Therefore, we need an holistic strategy to reduce air pollution as we emerge from lockdown. This should include, but not be limited to, encouraging cycling as you have highlighted, alongside working practices that allow technology to reduce travel, more frequent public transport, cleaner private transport, more pedestrian space, a clamp-down on wood and coal burning, improvements in indoor air quality, less polluting machinery, a reduction in ammonia fertilisers and the adoption of World Health Organisation air quality targets.

These proposals and others are set out in more detail in the report. They aim to avoid, or minimise, a second peak in infection as we emerge from lockdown and to set a clear pathway for a healthier, greener recovery. They will support investment which provides a new exports platform to help to build a stronger, more resilient and sustainable economy.

The public has benefitted from cleaner air during the lockdown and there is an appetite for a cleaner, greener future. Therefore, the policies and fiscal strategy to support such a future should be informed by these proposals which have been put together by scientific, medical and local authority experts alongside MPs.



Therefore, we ask you to adopt and implement these proposals for cleaner air as we emerge from the pandemic in order to support a stronger recovery that benefits both our public health and our economy

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

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