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Rachel Maclean MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Rachel,

RE: Electric Vehicle Charge Points in Rutland and Melton

I wish to start by giving my full support for the Government's landmark 10 Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution and the 250,000 green jobs it will create.

I write regarding the ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars that has been brought forward to 2030 – just ten years away. Whilst I support this measure, I am keen to work with the Department for Transport to ensure Rutland and Melton is not left out of the Government's green levelling up agenda.

I note the 10 Point Plan commits to investing £1.3 billion to accelerate the rollout of charging infrastructure on motorways, major roads and on streets near homes and workplaces and I am writing for further clarification on how this funding will be delivered to rural communities.

I welcome the Government's 10 Point Plan commitment to invest in public transport, but rural communities must not be overlooked in the rollout of electric charging points. It is well established that rural communities rely more on their cars and rural residents should be afforded the same level of choice in how they travel as urban communities.

Rutland and Melton is home to over 150 beautiful villages – many of them small and with few immediate local amenities. I would greatly appreciate an update on what plans your Department has in place to ensure these areas are equipped with an extensive and robust electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

I would also welcome the opportunity to meet with you to discuss how we can deliver a sustainable and viable transport system for Rutland and Melton throughout the green industrial revolution.

Yours sincerely,

Alicia

Alicia Kearns, MP for Rutland and Melton

