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Dear Greg

I am writing in response to your letter of June 13<sup>th</sup> about the role of Local Authorities (LAs) in cutting carbon emissions.

We agree that there is a potentially important role for LAs, particularly as regards energy efficiency improvement in buildings and promotion of sustainable transport, and also as regards renewable electricity and heat generation.

We think that it would be possible to extend our analysis of opportunities for national emissions reductions, drawing out high level implications for local ambition and approaches to deliver this.

We are highly resource constrained for the next few months, but would be able to turn to this if required following our advice on inclusion of aviation and shipping in carbon budgets, due to be published in Spring next year.

We would also need to discuss budget with you, given our very significant budget cut for next year, and the possible need to bring in specialist resource.

I hope this is helpful, and would be happy to discuss this further with you.



**Adair Turner, Chairman**