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Thank you very much for your email of 29 September to my predecessor, the Rt Hon Simon Clarke MP, about net zero and an invitation to visit the Greater Brighton Area to meet the Greater Brighton Economic Board. Please accept my apologies for the delay in my response.

The Government recognises the progress that has been made since the City Deal Agreement and the challenges that your residents, along with many others face in tackling climate change and the cost of living.

It is clear your local authority, like others throughout the UK, have and continue to make great strides towards net zero. Local authorities play an essential role in driving local climate action, with significant influence in many of the national priorities across energy, housing, and transport, which will be needed to achieve net zero. Your efforts and actions in developing the latest hydrogen technologies, retrofitting housing stock to make it more energy efficient in the future and restoring the Sussex Kelp Farm are all examples of local action, innovation, and excellence.

On this occasion, I am afraid it will not be possible to visit. However, given there are well established links between local leadership and interventions, climate action and low carbon economic sectors and levelling up, I have asked officials in DLUHC to get in touch to discuss your project developments further, with a view to arranging a visit as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your email.

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