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Dear Mr Miliband,

I am writing on behalf of Vale of White Horse District Council in relation to the issue of climate change and the role that local authorities can play in helping to achieve the UK's environmental commitments.

The Vale believes that councils are best placed to implement many of the actions needed to ensure that the UK meets its responsibilities in relation to net zero, but currently lack both the powers and the necessary financial support to take the necessary steps. We are, therefore, requesting that all local authorities are given the statutory duties, powers and funding to enable them to assist in delivering the net zero transition at a local level.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely



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