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The Rt. Hon Ed Miliband, M.P.
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Dear Mr Miliband,

I am writing on behalf of South Oxfordshire 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.

South Oxfordshire 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 calling for a new partnership deal between local and central government that will give councils the statutory duties, powers and funding to deliver the net zero transition at the local level.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours Sincerely,

David Rouane
Leader South Oxfordshire District Council