

Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP
Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
1 Victoria St, Westminster
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Dear Ms Leadsom

Climate Emergency

I am writing to you as Chair of the London Boroughs Energy Group (LBEG). LBEG consists of experienced and dedicated Energy Management professionals who work for various public sector and associated bodies in London and the South East. Collectively, we feel the need to express our views regarding the climate emergency agenda.

All our members work to identify and realise energy saving opportunities with the ultimate objective of reducing carbon emissions as well as mitigate the cost of energy. Our professional judgement, based on considerable experience, is that the level of resource available is distinctly insufficient to meet the 2050 net-zero carbon target, passed into law in June 2019. We believe that to be effective, a significant increase in resources as well as legislative support is required. This matter should transcend politics so that a unified and holistic approach can be implemented.

I would like to present the enclosed calculations, which demonstrate the level of financial resources required for meeting the net-zero carbon target in London Borough of Harrow. Although the calculations refer to my own authority, they can be used as a benchmark for other local authorities.

If you are serious about wanting to tackle the impact of climate change, I urge you take heed of our authoritative opinion and act to support the monumental challenge before us by committing additional financial resources and strengthening legislation to encourage energy efficiency.

I welcome your answer to the above view.

Yours sincerely



On behalf of LBEG's Committee,

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