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Dear Revd Andrew de Ville,

I write in response to a number of postcards sent in by members of the public, on behalf of the Southampton District Methodist Church, in relation to COP26.

The Government is proud to have hosted this year's conference, which brought together tens of thousands of delegates from nearly 200 countries for the biggest summit the UK has ever hosted.

197 Parties succeeded in keeping the ambition to limit temperature rises to 1.5°C alive by agreeing to the Glasgow Climate Pact, which will speed up the pace of climate action this decade. All countries agreed to return improved emissions targets for 2030 next year, three years earlier than planned.

Together, huge progress has been made on coal, cars, cash and trees – areas the UK has already shown high ambition in. The Government's Clean Green Initiative will unlock trillions of pounds of private finance into clean green infrastructure so emerging economies can grow rapidly without relying on fossil fuels – modelling our new partnership to support South Africa's efforts.

Provided there is concerted effort and dedicated delivery by all countries, the combination of net zero targets, 2030 emission targets, and agreed action in key industries brought to the table will significantly reduce emissions by 2030.

After years of wrangling, the Paris Rulebook was finalised, which will keep us on track, so we measure and report in the same way. The Government has delivered the Paris Agreement, is delivering the start of its global green industrial revolution, and will use the year of the UK's Presidency to ensure countries deliver on their commitments.

I would like to thank your supporters for taking the time to write to the Cabinet Office on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

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