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Dear Judith Shore,

Thank you for your email of 6 October to the Cabinet Office.

There is no doubt that climate change is one of the most profound global challenges we face. The decisions we make today will affect the future of our planet for generations to come, and the Government fully recognises that action is urgently needed in our own country and across the world. This is why COP26 is a priority for the UK government, with Cabinet Ministers and our entire diplomatic network focussed on driving up ambition both at home and overseas.

Together with our Italian partners we will work to prevent global temperatures rising above 1.5C and protect our planet and people from the intensifying impacts of climate change. Success at COP26 will require all countries coming to Glasgow prepared to commit to action which will limit the global warming rise, enable communities and natural habitats to adapt to the impacts of climate change, and work together to deliver action.

As you rightly say, local governments and leaders have a key role in meeting net zero targets. At COP26, the UK Government wants to mobilise cities, regions, businesses and investors in the UK and around the world to continue to raise their ambition by signing up to the Race to Zero initiative at: <https://unfccc.int/climate-action/race-to-zero-campaign#eq-4>. The Summit will provide us the opportunity to further showcase the ambitious actions being taken, and the key role that they all play in achieving net zero, during the Cities, Regions and Built Environment Day at the Summit on Thursday 11 November.

For more information and to keep up to date on COP26 developments, visit the COP26 website at: <https://www.ukcop26.org/>.

Thank you, once again, for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,  
Grace

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