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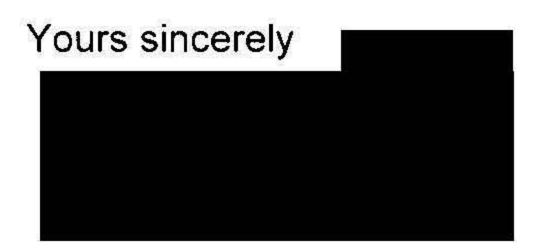
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Thank you for your letter of 18 October. I enjoyed the 'Infrastructure for Diversity' event and thank you for inviting me to be part of the panel.

I have noted your concerns on the proposed implementing measures for Article 7a of the Fuel Quality Directive. You will no doubt be aware that a vote on the proposals did not take place at the Fuel Quality Committee meeting on 25 October. We are now considering the various views that were raised about the whole proposal during that meeting.

I understand that officials are in contact with BP representatives so that we can gain a fuller understanding of the possible impacts of the proposals and I thank you for the information being provided during these discussions.



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