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Dear [name]

Operation Earthquake: a request for information

I'm [name], one of your constituents, and I am requesting information regarding the Government's proposed ban on the sale of new petrol motorcycles, scheduled to begin in 2030.

In October 2022 the Centre for Economics & Business Research (CEBR) issued a report (https://wiki.mag-uk.org/.../fc/Cebr_Analysis_of_2030_Ban.pdf) on the cost of the Government's proposals to force an end to the sale of internal combustion engine vehicles (ICEVs) in favour of a wholesale move to battery electric vehicles (BEVs).

In summary, the study shows that additional costs outweigh any environmental benefit:

- . new vehicle purchase costs of at least £188 billion;
- . time lost for drivers and riders waiting for EVs to recharge valued at a minimum of £47 billion;
- . charging and distribution infrastructure costs, £99 billion.

Any benefits BEVs may offer are undermined by the emissions involved in vehicle production, mining for battery minerals, and shorter vehicle lifetimes: 8.1 years for a BEV compared with 13.9 years for an ICEV.

The study also forecasts a significant loss of tax revenue, which can only result in higher rates of Income Tax or VAT, cuts to essential public services, or BEV users being charged comparable levels of tax as currently apply to petrol and diesel users, thereby wiping out any financial benefits, while retaining all the drawbacks associated with EVs (limited life, low or no resale value, range anxiety, time wasted charging, and home charging issues for millions of citizens).

Regardless of party, I will not vote for any election candidate - local or Parliamentary - who supports any ban on ICEVs and so I would be grateful if you could respond to the following:

Will you ask the Government to abandon plans to ban petrol and diesel vehicles? If not, please provide scientific justification for your support for the ban; environmental justification for the CO2 reduction agenda; and economic justification for households and the economy. Please also provide the future tax regime you envisage to pay for road infrastructure; the logistical plan for implementing the electric vehicle agenda and home charging arrangements.

If you would like to provide a quote for our press release, it will be shared in your constituency through MAG, the Alliance of British Drivers, Fair Fuel UK and local media. Thousands of voters will base their vote solely on your position on this one issue: we're calling it Operation Earthquake.

MAG's submission to the Government's review of the Net Zero agenda, which includes exhaustive scientific references, can be found here:

https://wiki.mag-uk.org/.../Net_Zero_Review_Consultation_Response...

Our detailed response to the specific question of the ICEV ban - which is evidently a subset of the larger net zero agenda - can be found here:

https://wiki.mag-uk.org/.../2022_09_20_Consultation...category_vehicles_ending_sales_of_new_non-zero_emission_models_FINAL.pdf

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

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Motorcycle Action Group member