



The Rt Hon Kwasi Kwarteng MP  
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Dear Minister

### **Climate change commitments**

Thank you for your letter of 1 September 2020 outlining the ways in which BEIS is addressing the issue of supporting the Green Recovery. We welcome all of the initiatives promised and look forward to seeing their implementation and positive impacts.

The environment is not only one of the five key themes of East Suffolk Council's new Business Plan, but we recognise that the environment underpins everything else that councils, Government and others in society do. In turn, positive legislative changes by Government can enable local councils and others to do more.

There were, however, some issues raised in our initial letter of 3 August 2020 which were not addressed in your response, several of which we appreciate do not come under the remit of BEIS; we have therefore written similar letters to other relevant Government departments. However, those points which are within the remit of BEIS which were not fully addressed are listed below:

- Meaningful measures to address over-consumption of resources and the throwaway culture.
- To help avoid waste at source, implementation of Circular Economy principles, where waste is designed out, products are designed to be repairable, and built-in obsolescence is a thing of the past. This should be supported by long term sustainable funding for Community Share and Repair Points.
- Carbon ratings on all products to enable consumers to make informed purchasing decisions.

We are keen to be advised of the intentions on the part of BEIS to investigate further opportunities to legislate towards these goals more widely in our manufacturing and supply chains, beyond those

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sectors within the fairly narrow scope of the recent consultations on the Draft Ecodesign and Labelling Regulations 2021.

We support the direction the Government is taking to create the framework to enable other parts of society to do the right thing, and urge you to go further to help make the least environmentally impactful course of action the default for all rather than just the most committed amongst us.

Thank you for taking the time to engage with us in this correspondence.

Yours sincerely



**CLlr James Mallinder | Chair  
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Yours sincerely



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