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(By email)

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Dear Anne,

**RE: Clean Air Act 1993 Review**

Thank you for your letter of 17 December 2025 providing an update on the review of the Clean Air Act 1993 (CAA 1993), in response to recommendations made by ESS in our report on [Particulate Matter in Scotland - An assessment of the evidence, ambition and prospects](#).

I am grateful for your update on how the review of the CAA 1993 was undertaken, the outcome of the review and how the findings will be taken forward as part of the development of the next air quality framework. I am happy to confirm that, following this update, ESS considers that recommendation 3 in our report on Particulate Matter has been met. We will continue to monitor and engage with the upcoming review of CAFS2 and look forward to hearing more about which options and measures are taken forward to address emissions from residential and other burning.

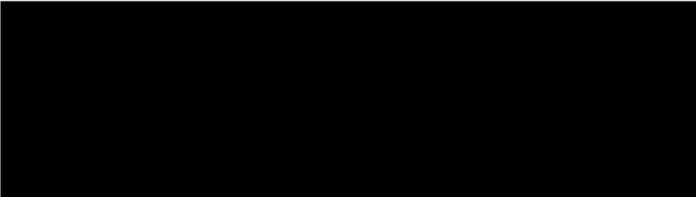
In addition, I note the [letter](#) that the Cabinet Secretary for Climate Action and Energy sent to the Convenor of the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee in December to update him on the UK Government's proposals for an alternative approach to the National Air Pollution Control Programme (NAPCP). From that I note that the UK Government has agreed to issue a public statement setting out the policies under consideration for addressing any projected shortfalls in the air pollutant emission ceilings targets which the UK is legally obliged to

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achieve and that Scottish Ministers are now content to agree to that alternative approach to the NAPCP. ESS considers that this approach is not as robust as the pre-revocation statutory approach. However, given the UK and Scottish Government's agreement, ESS does not intend to undertake further follow up in relation to recommendation 4 of our report.

I look forward to ESS' engagement with the upcoming review of CAFS2 and the development of the next air quality framework.

Yours sincerely,



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