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Dear Iain,

I am writing to let you know that today I am launching an eight-week Call for Evidence seeking views on the registration of historic, classic, and rebuilt vehicles as well as those converted to electric. I know this issue has been of interest to the Committee. The call for evidence will gather information from individuals and organisations, such as the Historic and Classic Vehicle Alliance, RAC, and the Federation of British Historic Vehicle clubs and others who have expertise and knowledge of these vehicles.

In recent years, there have been significant improvements in technology which has changed the way vehicles can be rebuilt and restored, along with an increasing move towards converting vehicles to electric. The DVLA is seeking expert views about whether the current policies in this area need updating, as well as seeking suggestions based on expertise and knowledge that may assist in improving the registration process.

The Call for Evidence will ask for evidence on areas including:

- historic/classic vehicles registration
- rebuilt and restored vehicles
- kit-built vehicles
- vehicles converted to electric propulsion
- Q registration numbers
- the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

This call for evidence provides a great opportunity for motorists and enthusiasts to play a key role in preserving examples of British motoring and engineering excellence.

It follows the £8.3 billion to resurface over 5,000 miles of roads in England and the Plan for Drivers www.gov.uk/government/publications/plan-for-drivers which includes 30 measures to protect drivers in travelling how they want, when they want and where they want.

Once again, it shows that Government is on the side of drivers, whether cars are used for work or enjoyment.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mark Harper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

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