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Dear Darren,

I am writing to inform the Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee that the government has today launched a consultation on the design of the proposed climate compatibility checkpoint for future oil and gas licensing. This checkpoint was a key recommendation following a review into future oil and gas licensing and was announced together with the North Sea Transition Deal in March 2021.

This consultation explores a wide range of different considerations that a checkpoint could be designed to take into account when assessing whether oil and gas licenses should continue to be offered. This includes potential tests incorporating data on sectoral emissions, net zero technology development, import-export balances, the global "production gap", and end-use emissions.

The consultation will last until the 28th February 2022, after which we will consider all responses before making an announcement on the final checkpoint design.

I have enclosed a copy of the consultation, and I will place a copy of this letter in the Libraries of the House

Yours ever,

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