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Dear Mr Sibley,

HVO originating in the USA , Investigation

We understand that you are looking into the situation with HVO, and indeed supply of HVO originating in the USA and thought it would be a good idea to inform you of what is currently going on in the Fuel Industry.

Since November 2020, we have commenced trials on oil fired boilers with Hydrotreated vegetable oil (HVO) as a replacement renewable fuel for heating instead of fossil kerosene oil. The trials which are overseen by our trade associations "UK and Ireland Fuel Distributors Association" (UKIFDA) and OFTEC. were subsequently expanded nationally.

The trials and demonstration project are still ongoing. We are pleased to report that the HVO fuel has performed extremely well and will provide the potential of a massive cut in **net greenhouse gas CO₂ of up to 88%**. This will be an excellent solution for consumers on oil fired heating that are unable to convert to electric air source heating which is one of the current plans being investigated by DESNZ.

The applicants while attempting to say that HVO and FAME based biodiesel are interchangeable they also acknowledge that for many applications such as HGVs there are no modifications required for engines using HVO whereas there are for FAME Biodiesel. We believe **that this would be the same for heating** which is why ensuring there is significant amount of HVO available is vitally important.

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We have created the first ever village to use HVO for heating, in Cornwall, and this has been running for over three years, with many different types of homes switched over to HVO and has been a tremendous success. This happened following the approval for HVO from the USA and gave the industry confidence for the whole project and supply of HVO. This village has received visits from Ministers, many MPs including the Westminster Select Committee for DESNZ, where they all agreed this was a solution that should be embraced.

Recently Cornwall Council visited the HVO village, (Kehelland), and have written to DESNZ to independently give support for this solution, and I have attached the open letter by way of evidence and confirmation. We do understand that the Energy Department has needed time to look at this renewable fuel solution and discussions are currently ongoing.

Since the last review the **Renewable Liquid Heating Fuel Obligation** has been included in the Energy Act 2023 which when triggered will provide the necessary mechanisms for heating as the RTFO currently covers for transport. In addition to ensuring there are sufficient volumes of HVO available to the market we need to ensure what the outcome of this **review does not increase the price to the consumer** as this will have a debilitating impact on the UK being able to meet its Net Zero targets.

Research shows that with a blend of HVO does not impact the homeowner with additional upfront or ongoing costs and it is important not to thereby introduce tariffs or prevent HVO imports because, as stated, will jeopardise the decarbonisation of homes.

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