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Dear Robert,

Thank you for your letter of 10 August 2018 in relation to the CMA's investigation into the proposed merger between J Sainsbury plc (**Sainsbury's**) and Asda Group Ltd (**Asda**, and together with Sainsbury's, the **Parties**) (the **proposed merger**).

We note your concerns about the impact that the proposed merger could have on fuel prices. As you know, our duty to promote competition for the benefit of consumers extends across all markets in the UK. Our investigation into the proposed merger will therefore cover all products and services in which the Parties compete within the UK, including the supply of fuel, and seek to address any concerns identified.

I have passed the information provided in your letter to the team reviewing the proposed merger. They will ensure that the issues raised are taken into account, to the extent relevant, within our investigation.

As you will understand, it would be inappropriate for me to comment about competitive conditions in relation to the supply of fuel in the UK during the investigation. I hope that this explanation of the CMA's approach to the investigation of the Parties' fuel activities is nevertheless helpful.

I have written in similar terms to Mr Howard Cox, Founder of FairFuelUK.

Yours sincerely,
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*Very much hope
all well with you!*