



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Rt. Hon. Rishi Sunak
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Dear Prime Minister,

It has been an enormous privilege to serve as a minister in your government since you took office as Prime Minister in 2022, and to have served your predecessors since my appointment as a Whip in 2016.

With your support we have achieved a lot in driving the energy transition. A few weeks ago we celebrated becoming the first major economy to halve its emissions and will, later this year, shut our last coal fired power plant as renewables displace fossil fuels.

Internationally we have led the climate debate, hosting COP26 and developing the Breakthrough Agenda, the Powering Past Coal Alliance, the Energy Transition Council and Just Energy Transition Partnerships to name but a few.

Domestically I was delighted to establish and chair the Net Zero Council, the Solar Taskforce and the Green Jobs Delivery Group as we continue our partnership with business to reach net zero in a way which strengthens our economy and protects households. The Review of Electricity Market Arrangements has refined our options to drive the transition at lowest cost.

Officials at BEIS and now DESNZ are among the finest in the civil service, going above and beyond to ensure the UK's energy security and decarbonisation while also delivering affordable energy. I am grateful for the first class support they have provided me.

Having served as a minister for most of the last eight years I have decided that now is the time to stand down. I intend to continue serving my constituents in Beverley & Holderness, campaigning on local issues and look forward to fighting and winning the seat later this year.

Under your leadership the UK is at near full employment, has inflation falling fast and is set to go from strength to strength in the coming years. I will continue to give you my full support from the backbenches and will be forever grateful for the opportunity you gave me to serve as a member of your ministerial team.

Yours ever,

Working hard for Beverley and Holderness