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Dear [REDACTED]

Heating Oil Market Survey

At its meeting of 25 March 2026, the Committee considered your correspondence, dated 20 March 2026, in respect of the launch of the Competition and Markets Authority's market study into the UK heating oil sector.

The Committee welcomed the study and noted the difficulty in identifying individual households which make use of or rely upon oil for domestic heating purposes in Northern Ireland. This issue is of particular relevance as the UK Government / Executive seeks to consider an intervention targeted at these householders.

The Committee therefore agreed to write to the Competition and Markets Authority welcoming its study and suggesting that the review considers how domestic oil customers could be identified for targeted support in the same way as has been achieved for domestic electricity and gas customers.

A written response on or before 17 April 2026 would be greatly appreciated.

If you require further information or clarification in respect of the above, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours sincerely,

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