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Member of the European Commission

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Dear Mr Lambert,

Thank you for your letter of 30 January 2012 in which you offer your support to the complaint now lodged and registered with the Commission as submitted by the Clean Air London (CAL) group. Your letter has been formally registered as a complaint under reference CHAP (2012) 00431 and linked to the complaint made by CAL as you have requested.

With regard to the first part of the complaint, you indicate that you are of the view that the United Kingdom has unlawfully obtained a time extension for PM10 emissions in London because the public was not consulted on time on the updated air quality plan. We will be asking the UK authorities to comment on these allegations through the EU pilot process and will inform CAL and yourself of the reply we receive.

The second part of the complaint raises concerns that the PM10 daily limit value has already been breached in Neasden Lane in London in 2011 and that as a result infringement action should be started. I must clarify our approach to following up such allegations of individual breach: Compliance is verified once the Commission is in receipt of the annual air quality report for 2011 which the United Kingdom is due to provide to us by 30 September 2012. Once this has been provided we will be in a position to properly verify compliance and decide on the action that is required.