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Dear all,

Thank you all for your letter of 22 October, explaining why more targeted Government support for van fleet operators is needed to help them to transition their fleets to zero emission vehicles (ZEVs).

I am very grateful to you for detailing the specific challenges faced by van operators in the BVRLA Van Plan 2021 published in June earlier this year and referenced in your letter. The Government recognises the vital role that van fleet operators play, not only in facilitating our ambitions for decarbonising road transport, but also more widely in contributing to the UK economy across a wide range of industrial sectors including SMEs.

Feedback like this is always welcome and helps us to better understand how the Government can plan to provide more bespoke support for van fleet operators. We will bear in mind your recommendations as we take forward work on the ZEV mandate and as we develop plans for the £620 million new funding, both announced in the Net Zero Strategy. The Government shall continue to work with van fleet operators to ensure support is focused on making the transition to ZEVs as easy as possible.

Yours sincerely,

**Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP**

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