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Dear Secretary of State,



We are writing to thank you for your recent announcement that the government will develop a National Methane Action Plan. Our organisations have worked together for years on advancing methane mitigation in the UK and have been leading calls for urgent action to address methane emissions.

Publishing this comprehensive plan for the COP30 climate summit will be a major signal of the UK's global leadership on this issue. It will show the government is addressing its commitments as a signatory of the Global Methane Pledge.



Historically, the UK led the way in cutting methane emissions, but domestic emissions have fallen by only five per cent since 2020. The pledge's goal is for global emissions to fall by 30 per cent by 2030.

The UK's leadership now has an opportunity for renewal with an ambitious UK action plan, as co-chair of the Climate and Clean Air Coalition and an official champion of the Global Methane Pledge.



A world leading action plan should set explicit 2030 targets across sectors, alongside showing how the UK will achieve them. The areas that are crucial to the plan's success are:

- **agriculture**, the plan must outline how the land use framework, the food strategy and the farming budget will support farmers and consumers to lower methane emissions from animal agriculture.
- **waste**, the plan must clarify how the government will enforce the near elimination of biodegradable waste entering landfills, and how it will incentivise the highest methane capture rates on active and closed landfill sites.
- **energy**, the plan must show how the government will ensure that routine flaring and venting from domestic operations ends before 2030, how operators will implement leak detection and repair procedures, and how it will reduce emissions from the UK's imported fossil fuels to near zero. The European methane regulation is good starting point.



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We would welcome the opportunity to share our analysis and research with you and work collectively to ensure this plan sets the level of ambition necessary to achieve the UK's climate commitments.

Yours sincerely

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