

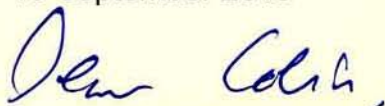
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Many thanks for your letter. Firstly, I apologise for the delay in replying – unfortunately a change of office has resulted in a few administrative complications that we're in the process of ironing out.

I'm very much aware of your fantastic work on this subject – work that has crossed party lines and strengthened the case for a greener political agenda. I'm confident that this government will be the greenest ever, building a low-carbon, clean-growth economy by introducing a Green Deal and revolutionising the energy industry.

Of course, international leadership is vital to achieve an effective deal on climate change – and we'll push for real progress in the UN Conference in Cancún this year. We must and will work with Europe, the US, developed and developing countries alike – and I fully agree that the GCI's Contraction and Convergence framework provides a realistic and equitable plan for global action. That is why C&C was a key part of the Liberal Democrats' manifesto and why I continue to believe that the principle of C&C will be central to our long-term strategy on climate change.

As you know, any legally binding global agreement will need to take into account a range of factors if it is to be successful. Rates of development, economic growth and a country's capacity for adaptation to and mitigation of climate change must all be considered as well as per capita emissions. That said, I will be sure to discuss with Chris Huhne how we can take forward C&C and our other proposals for a global deal on climate change.

Thank you once again for writing.



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