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Dear Mrs Steele

CLEAN AIR STRATEGY

Thank you for your letter dated 20 September 2022, advising that a meeting of the People and Communities Committee, was held on 09 August at which the Committee agreed to contact me to seek an update on the overall position on development of Northern Ireland's first Clean Air Strategy.

Work continues to progress well in the development of the Clean Air Strategy and my Department published the synopsis of consultation responses to the Clean Air Strategy Discussion Document in June 2022. A copy of this is available to view on our website at: https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/clean_air_strategy_discussion_document.

In most recent months a Clean Air Strategy Inter Departmental Steering Group has been established comprising of officials from DAERA, Department for Infrastructure, Department for the Economy and the Department of Health. I recognise other Departments and stakeholders may need to be involved depending on the final agreed scope of the strategy however, the group will in the interim continue to meet regularly over the coming months to agree input to the overall Clean Air Strategy.

A public consultation on the draft Northern Ireland Clean Air Strategy is planned for the end of December 2022 with results and progression ratified by the Northern Ireland Executive.

Yours sincerely

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Minister of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs

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