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Guernsey

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### **By Email**

Dear Elliot

Thank you for your letter, and for using your powerful, articulate voice to share your knowledge of climate change. Most of all, thank you – and everyone who is joining your march – for acting. It is so important to stand up and speak up, as you are all doing. I feel very proud to be part of a community where young people can and do make such a difference.

Children and future generations are the most important people to consider when we're making decisions on climate change, because you young people have far more of the future ahead of you than we older people do.

Like you, I feel very strongly that we need to take action against climate change. It was the main reason I became a deputy (politician). Thanks to a young people's protest march like yours a few years ago, we now have a policy (in other words, a plan) that will help Guernsey reduce the effects of climate change and adapt to the effects that we can't avoid.

That plan is very big, because the problem is very big, as you know. It includes (among many other things):

- Cleaner forms of energy, including more electricity from renewable sources like wind and solar power;
- More sustainable transport, so that more people can walk, bike, scoot, jump on a bus and share cars, and replace petrol and diesel cars with electric vehicles;
- Less waste and more sensible and sustainable use of resources (in other words, stuff), which we call the "circular economy";

- Helping nature, which is our frontline of protection against many effects of climate change;
- Helping people in other parts of the world, who can't access their rights as well as we can; and
- Through our finance industry, helping to fund the global transition to a greener economy, to make a better future for all young people the world over.

I watched the video of the presentation you gave to the children and teachers at Forest Primary School (which is my old primary school, by the way). I was very impressed by what you said and the way in which you said it.

I'm very sorry that I can't join you on the march: we have a States meeting that day. However, I would be delighted to meet with you and the other children at Forest another time about climate change to explain in more detail what we're doing about it here in Guernsey, and to hear your views and ideas.

In the meantime, I hope your march goes well!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lindsay". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Deputy Lindsay de Sausmarez**  
President  
Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure

P.S. I will be taking part in Earth Hour too!