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*Dear John,*  
Dear Mr Bowis,

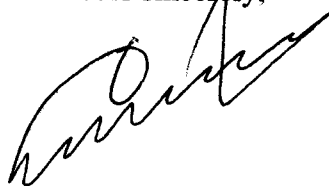
Thank you for your e-mail of 6<sup>th</sup> October regarding the UK's approach to notifying extensions under the Air Quality Directive.

As you know, the Commission wrote to Member States in June setting a deadline of 31<sup>st</sup> October 2008 for the submission of notifications of extensions to the time limit for applying the limit values for PM10. The letters indicated that following the expiry of that deadline, the Commission would consider taking enforcement action. The UK has not yet submitted a notification and I understand that it does not intend to do so until June 2009.

According to the annual report submitted to the Commission in September, six air quality zones in the UK were still exceeding the daily or annual PM10 limit values in 2007, and it is not expected that compliance with those limit values will be achieved within the near future. In view of the serious consequences to public health of high concentrations of PM10, the Commission expects the UK authorities to take ambitious measures to ensure a speedy reduction of concentrations and, if necessary, to submit a notification as soon as possible.

The Commission is currently carrying out a horizontal assessment of the action taken by Member States in response to the June letters and following that assessment it will decide on any necessary further enforcement action.

Yours sincerely,



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