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Dear Sam,

I am writing to provide further details in response to your question in the House on Thursday 9 September 2021 regarding zero emission buses.

Buses are at the centre of the public transport network. They are also vital to our efforts to decarbonise transport and reduce the contribution to UK domestic greenhouse gas emissions. The Government is committed to introducing 4,000 zero emission buses and achieving an all zero emission bus fleet. Since February last year, we've made funding available for up to 900 zero emission buses, with over 50 of these already on the road.

In March this year, I launched the £120 million Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas scheme. The scheme was open to local transport authorities who were able to bid for funding to introduce zero emission buses and the infrastructure needed to support them in their areas. This funding will support the introduction of up to 500 zero emission buses and associated infrastructure. Six local transport authorities have submitted business cases under the fast track process. The Department will announce which business cases have been successful and award funding in due course. The Department is working with a further 17 local transport authorities under the standard process and will award funding to a second group of successful local transport authorities by the end of March 2022.

I also announced in March the award of £50 million of funding from the All-Electric Bus Town or City scheme to the West Midlands Combined Authority to support the Coventry Electric Bus City. This will fund up to a further 300 electric buses and the infrastructure needed to support them. We expect the first orders to be placed for these buses later this year.

Furthermore, since February 2020 the Ultra-Low Emission Bus Scheme has provided funding for over 100 zero emission buses. My Department's analysis concludes that of these over 50 are already on the road.

I hope that this letter has highlighted the work ongoing to increase the number of zero emission buses on our roads, and as stated on 9 September, I will place a copy of this letter in the libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Grant Shapps', written in a cursive style.

**Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP**

**SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT**