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Dear Convener,

**Net Zero, Energy and Transport (NZET) Committee: The Vehicle Emissions Trading Schemes (Amendment) Order 2024**

Further discussion at the NZET Committee meeting on 8 October, I'm writing to you to provide some additional information on two of the topics raised by committee members.

**Electric Vehicle Accessible Charging Specification PAS 1899**

The Scottish Government worked with the British Standards Institute (BSI) in 2022 to develop the UK PAS1899 standard for accessible charge points. These advisory standards provide specifications for the installers and operators of public charging infrastructure to ensure a more accessible and inclusive charging system across Scotland, and the UK as a whole. The Scottish Government will continue to work in partnership with key organisations and stakeholders to ensure that electric vehicle charge points are accessible for all users. All Scottish Government funding for installation of public EV charge points now requires grantees to demonstrate appropriate measures will be taken to meet requirements and recommendations set out in the PAS 1899 standard.

**Cross Pavement Charging**

The Scottish Government is working with local authorities via the Scottish Collaboration of Transport Specialists (SCOTS) network to address issues arising from the increasing demand for cross-pavement charging solutions. Cross pavement charging has an important role to play in enabling EV ownership and access to home charging for those without access to off street parking, but it does raise a number of issues including planning, maintenance, liability and how solutions interact with

existing utilities. The relevant powers sit with Local Authorities and, whilst there are existing examples of cross pavement charging being implemented in Scotland, currently there is no common approach across Scotland's local authorities. For this reason the Scottish Government is working with the SCOTS network to address these issues, and support local authorities to identify a consistent approach which enables the provision of cross pavement charging and supports Scotland's Vision for public EV charging infrastructure and a public charging network that works for everyone.

I trust this information is helpful for the Committee and I thank you for raising these points.

Yours sincerely,

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