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Dear Shevaun,

**Building back better: Strengthening digital and physical infrastructure  
Report on Windsor Debates – 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

Thank you again for the BCC's support to both our Windsor Debates in 2021. As you may know we welcomed Claire Walker as a speaker in March.

As promised may I share with you a copy of a letter we have sent to Alok Sharma MP. Your attention is welcome as this also provides you with a summary of the programme key outcomes.

With the COP-26 Conference upon us, we welcome the BCC's presence and your support in referencing / sharing these outcomes with Alok Sharma *and indeed others* when you have the opportunity. As you will note we remain focused on inviting him to speak directly with his constituency and wider Thames Valley businesses.

We are and remain committed partners to the BCC who are driving a wide policy agenda forward, on our members behalf, into Government. We're participating members of the Chambers' Climate Challenge Group and are excited by the new policy group programme shared by James (cc'd) in his email of 21<sup>st</sup> September.

On behalf of the Thames Valley Chamber membership and wider Thames Valley business community we wish you every success at the COP-26 conference.

Kind regards as always.

Yours sincerely,



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### About the Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce

The Thames Valley Chamber of Commerce (TVCC) is one of the largest accredited Chambers within the UK and the only accredited Chamber of Commerce for the Thames Valley region. The Chamber is a proven centre of excellence for trade and inward investment services.

Representing over 4,000 companies in membership, with an economy estimated in size to be more than £83,848m (2015), it is home to over 115,000 businesses, including: 11 of the world's top 15 tech companies; the No.1 University in the world (Oxford); fastest growing city (Reading) in the UK (EY); once again, the two highest performing cities (Oxford and Reading) according to PwC; the second largest trading city in the UK (Slough); the most productive city per capita (Slough) (Centre for Cities) and the No.1 region, outside of London, for attracting inward investment. In addition, the Thames Valley Chamber credits a range of impressive statistics:

- 295,000 combined number of staff employed by members
- 5000+ number of active trade customers
- £1,692,474,094– the value of international trade enabled in 2018
- Average 150 new trade customers each year
- 178 countries trading with our customers
- 83 sectors represented by members and international trade customers
- Consistently one of the UK's most attractive locations for attracting inward investment
- 65% of international companies setting up or expanding in the Thames Valley have been supported by TVCC.