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McDonalds Green Lanes

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Dear Mr Macrow

I write to you on behalf of my constituents in Tottenham, regarding the felling of 6 lime and plane trees on the site of the McDonald's Green Lanes restaurant.

On 23rd June 2022, the week of the hottest recorded day in British history, I received correspondence from a number of my constituents deeply concerned about the removal of a number of mature trees from Green Lanes McDonalds. What is more, residents provided evidence that these trees were replaced with a large section of plastic, artificial grass. McDonalds Green Lanes removed carbon reducing trees and replaced these with a carbon intensive alternative.

I was pleased to note that since 2020, globally, McDonalds has '*continued to substantially achieve supporting deforestation-free supply chains across our primary commodities*'. Such action, in the face of a global climate emergency, is both necessary and commendable. However, for McDonald's franchises to act in a way which directly contravenes McDonald's '*holistic approach to protecting natural resources*' cannot be ignored.

McDonald's Climate Risk and Resiliency Summary specifically notes the company's '*collaboration with Franchisees*' as a part of the broader approach of Climate Action. As well as in food production, any such approach must be inclusive of McDonalds sites. The removal of the trees on Green Lanes not only undermines McDonald's corporate position on the Climate Emergency, but it has a human impact on the Tottenham Community. In light of Global Heating these lime and plane trees provided much needed shading and transpiration. The benefits of these felled trees will now never be recovered.

I would appreciate if you could look into the decision of the Franchisee of Green Lanes McDonalds to remove the trees and replace these with artificial grass. I would be grateful if you could supply my office with an overview of the circumstances in which the decision was made, and how McDonalds intends to rectify this wrong.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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