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Dear Mr McMillan

Thank you for your letter outlining the fuel price trends and related challenges that your constituents in Greenock and Inverclyde are facing. I have shared the information you provided, along with your suggestions, to the team who are leading the CMA's Market Study into the road fuel market.

As you mention in your letter, we have launched a full Market Study into the supply of road fuel in the UK following the initial [Fuel Pricing Review](#) we published on 8 July. The Market Study will consider the supply of road fuel in the UK, looking across the supply chain at retail, wholesale, and refining segments of the market. As part of this we will also explore local and regional variations in the price of fuel and undertake further analysis to better understand the factors that are driving these price differences. As such, the examples you shared of some of the real-life disparities facing consumers, particularly in deprived areas, are helpful to our work.

As part of our evidence-gathering and analysis we will consider what more can be done to improve outcomes for consumers, including any enforcement actions that may be necessary. Although the statutory time limit for a CMA Market Study is 12 months, we will aim to complete it well within that time, and will set out our initial findings in the Autumn.

Should you, or your constituents, wish to submit further information to inform the Market Study you can do so via RoadFuels@cma.gov.uk, or access the Market Study case page [here](#).

Thank you again for sharing this information with the CMA.

Best regards

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

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