I congratulate my hon. Friend on an excellent campaign. Does he agree with my constituents who live in the most rural areas that they face an additional penalty from paying much higher prices—many pence different even from those at garages just a few miles away?

Robert Halfon (Harlow, Conservative)

My hon. Friend is exactly right, and I am grateful for her support. People in rural areas face fuel deserts, in essence, because of the uncompetitive nature of the oil industry. People have to travel further, particularly in rural areas, to deal with the cost of fuel.

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