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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**

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Dear Dr Wilkins

**Re: Oldham Council Resolution – Rail Electrification**

Thank you for contacting me regarding the above council resolution, though please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

With regards to the points highlighted concerning rail electrification, I have made representations to the Government and will continue to raise this issue moving forward. I have always reiterated the point that northern towns and cities have been marginalised as a result of continued Whitehall investments in London, and note that transport represents an imbalance between London and the north. Alike to Council, I therefore support the electrification of the east-west transpennine railway between Manchester and Leeds.

You have my assurance that I will do my very best to press the Government to deliver the planned electrification program.

I hope this helps.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim McMahon".

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