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**Cllr. Richard Roberts,**  
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Dear Richard,

**Zero Emission Buses**

I trust this letter is well received.

As you may be aware, the Transport Secretary has today announced funding of up to £129m to help local authorities like Hertfordshire to introduce hundreds more electric buses through the Zero Emission Bus Regional Areas 2 scheme. The first £25m of that funding has been earmarked for rural communities.

I know that you share my desire to see Hertfordshire become a fantastic place to use clean, efficient public transport. That's why I am writing to you to ask the County Council to bid for funding from this pot for new clean buses serving communities in Hitchin, Harpenden and the villages. In particular, with a large portion of the funding earmarked for rural areas, I believe that this fund could allow for additional provision of bus services for our local villages.

I would welcome the opportunity to discuss this further with you and I hope that you will agree to prepare a bid for funding.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards,

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