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The Imported Tobacco Products Advisory Council
By email to: [REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your correspondence of 17 January to Lord Johnson and 15 February to the Prime Minister about tobacco products. As this is a health-related matter, your correspondence has been forwarded to the Department of Health and Social Care.

As you will be aware, the UK Government is required, under Article 5.3 of the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, to protect public policy from the commercial and other vested interests of tobacco companies. As such, we will not be responding to the issues you have raised in your correspondence, and will be publishing both this and your correspondence.

You may find the recently published Government consultation response on *Creating a smokefree generation and tackling youth vaping* answers some of your questions. It can be accessed at www.gov.uk/government/consultations/creating-a-smokefree-generation-and-tackling-youth-vaping.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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