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Dear Elon,

Re: Tesla UK Manufacturing Plant Location

It was welcome news to hear of your recent trip to the United Kingdom to investigate possible sites to locate a future Tesla manufacturing plant.

Our Parliamentary constituencies are located in Northamptonshire, the home of motorsport valley, with Silverstone Circuit, Formula 1 and Formula E motorsport at the heart. This valley houses six out of ten F1 teams and every single F1 winning team over the past decade hails from the region. We are close to three of the finest Universities in the world, Cambridge, Cranfield and Oxford, and our region nurtures the cream of global research talent, leading in aerospace, automotive testing, advanced manufacturing, engineering and design, robotics and software development and electronics.

We have the Silverstone Technology Cluster, the Connected Places Catapult in Milton Keynes, Millbrook Proving Ground's vehicle and battery and 5G connectivity testing facilities in Central Bedfordshire, the Catesby Aerodynamic Research Facility in Daventry and, Cranfield University's purpose-built experimental facility for the rapid development of 'on and off highway', ground and airborne autonomous solutions, to name just a few innovation and technical assets charging the way in the mobility sector. We are next door to the UK Battery Industrialisation Centre in Coventry which is a key part of the Faraday Battery Challenge (FBC), a Government programme to fast track the development of cost-effective, high-performance, durable, safe, low-weight and recyclable batteries.

All of this is on our door step and critically we are located in the heart of the UK strategic logistics and supply chain with Northamptonshire and the South East Midlands central to one of the most significant UK government regional programmes, the Oxford-Cambridge Arc, which will turbo charge our area's R&D, science, technology and performance engineering capability on a global platform over the next decade.

We want Tesla Inc to take advantage of all that we offer. Northamptonshire is a great place to live and work. It is the county of George Washington and Benjamin Franklin's ancestral homes and we would be delighted to explore further the possibility of locating your plant in the heart of the UK's High Performance Engineering Technology Sector.

We would be delighted to meet with you and your executives to discuss further what this wonderful part of Britain has to offer for your business.

Yours sincerely

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