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Dear Mr Letwin

### **Green Paper on Young Drivers - Manifesto Proposal**

We are writing to you as you are one of the authors of the Conservative Party's General Election Manifesto.

In 2013, 337 were people killed in crashes involving young car drivers. Despite many changes over the last few decades to reduce young driver casualties, young drivers continue to face and create a high and disproportionate risk. They have more crashes than other drivers, their crashes are more likely to be severe and they make (more expensive) insurance claims.

We need a more radical approach. No single measure will be effective on its own; a comprehensive package of complementary measures is needed. A Government Green Paper to explore options for improving the safety of newly-qualified drivers was expected in 2013, but was never published.

Therefore, the signatories to this letter urge the Conservative Party to include a commitment in your General Election Manifesto to publish a Green Paper on Young Drivers. This would enable a well-informed debate on this important issue, and help us all towards a consensus on the range of options for achieving a step change in reducing crashes and casualties involving young drivers.

While we do not seek to be prescriptive about the content of such a Green Paper, our recommendations for the options to be considered are summarised in the attached document.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

**Signed by the parties overleaf**



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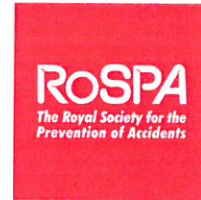
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