



## **STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE FEDERATION OF PETROLEUM SUPPLIERS**

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE - SUSAN HANCOCK**

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The Federation of Petroleum Suppliers (FPS) has received a letter from Charles Hendry MP extending his sincere thanks to the FPS for our hard work during the recent spell of bad weather. He said "The conditions facing the country were highly challenging but your members' efforts across the country and the close co-operation you extended to my officials has ensured that disruption to heating oil supplies was minimised to the maximum possible degree." In the same letter, Charles Hendry informed the FPS that he has written to the OFT asking them to bring forward their study looking into the various off-grid energy issues and asking for the support of the FPS.

The FPS welcomes the study and will work closely with the Dept of Energy & Climate Change (DECC) and the OFT. There are many misconceptions about the heating oil industry and the OFT study will provide the opportunity to clarify the situation.

Supplying essential heating oil to consumers and fuel for farms etc is the mainstay of our members' business and they do their utmost to support customers. Both the FPS and its members want to do everything they can to help consumers in rural areas. Many of the delivery drivers go to great lengths to get fuel to their customers as we have seen during the recent bad weather when they struggled through some appalling road conditions and worked extended hours to ensure their customers had enough fuel.

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