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As you know, I have taken a very close interest in the future of the Visteon plant at Swansea and have tracked developments carefully. Indeed, I have visited the plant on a number of occasions and have facilitated meetings between management and the unions.

I was therefore very disappointed when I heard that GKN had withdrawn from negotiations about acquiring the plant. I am concerned about what that means for the plant's future given that it does not seem to be viable in its current form and the restructuring package proposed by the company has been rejected.

If the plant is to survive then some sort of restructuring appears inevitable, with an owner that is willing to invest in its continued development for core products. Should a serious potential buyer emerge who is willing to explore the scope for maintaining employment and the Swansea plant, then I hope that both management and unions will do all they can to co-operate to try and secure the plant's future.

I hope that a way forward can be found, and I continue to stand ready to assist in any way that I can.

I am writing in similar terms to Andy Richards and copying to Hywel Francis MP and Sian James MP.

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