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Dear Mr Broadhurst, Mr Richardson and Ms Morrin,

Thank you for visiting my office and delivering your letter on behalf of the student body you represent at Edge Hill University.

We face a once-in-a-generation cost of living crisis which demands immediate action from the Conservative government. While much of the immediate focus has been on household energy bills, you are right to note that the wider problem of inflation has the bigger impact on everyone, including students like yourselves, who will see rising prices for transport, goods and services. If Labour were in power now, we would be delivering on pledges to provide decent support to everyone who needs it, funded by a further windfall tax on the eye-watering profits of energy firms. Instead the Tories have spent the summer in an interminable leadership contest, rather than steering the country through the crisis.

As you may be aware, I have a long history of campaigning for improved transport links in West Lancashire, which struggles with high-quality connectivity to the neighbouring metropolitan areas in Liverpool, Manchester and Preston. This work is ongoing and with a new Transport Secretary comes new opportunities to highlight the need our community has for improved public transport provision.

I have brought your concerns to the attention of the Prime Minister, Chancellor and Education Secretary, and asked that they respond to your letter indicating the urgent actions they intend to take to ensure students are supported through these difficult times.

I will contact you again once I have received a reply, and I thank you once again for writing to me.

Yours sincerely,

ROSIE COOPER MP
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