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Dear Mr Milnes

Thank you for your email of 12 October, addressed to the Secretary of State for Transport, regarding blinding vehicle lights. Your correspondence has been forwarded to the International Vehicle Standards division, as we have responsibility for vehicle safety and I have been asked to reply.

All headlamps must meet regulations which control both the maximum brightness and the direction of the beam to ensure that light is appropriately distributed onto the road while glare to oncoming traffic is minimised.

These regulations are agreed at an international level and you may be interested to know that officials from the Department for Transport actively engage in the development of international regulations that define the requirements for vehicle lighting at the United Nation Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE). The subject of glare from vehicle lighting is being considered by governments assisted by representatives of the vehicle lighting manufacturers.

We anticipate a series of meetings, where an Informal Working Group of experts will develop solutions for the concerns you have raised with respect to glare and vehicle lighting.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

Fran Simpson (Mrs)