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Dear Ms Ilg

Thank you very much for your letter dated 30th November 2006 addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury. I have been asked to reply. The Archbishop was grateful to you and to other members of the Ohio Citizen Action group for writing to him to bring his attention to the situation with the Mittal Steel Cleveland Works facility.

Whilst the Archbishop does not have any direct influence over decisions taken by private companies such as Mittal Steel, he was concerned to hear of the worries that you and many others in your group have about the possible effects of environmental degradation from this facility. The environment is an issue that the Archbishop takes very seriously and he has spoken publicly on the need for more environmental responsibility on the part of individual citizens, governments, and businesses. He will continue to stress the importance of environmentally responsible behaviour, both in his public statements and in his private meetings with Government.

I am copying your correspondence and that of your fellow correspondents to Claire Foster, who is the lead Policy Officer for Environmental Issues, within the Church of England. She may be able to advise further, if there are avenues that can be explored to help raise the profile of what, I appreciate, must be a very worrying situation for you and your fellow residents.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to the Archbishop of Canterbury. I am sorry I cannot be of more direct practical assistance.

Kind regards.
Yours sincerely

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