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Elliot Morley MP and minister for climate change, in his letter of 18th November defended Tony Blair's environmental record and wrote "The UK is well on track to more than meet its Kyoto target."

The latest figures suggest that UK carbon emissions are on the up and the Kyoto target is unlikely to be met. Tony Blair has done his bid to muddle the water on the governments policy and approach to climate change. His latest comments suggests a softening on the need to impose emission targets, which has angered NGOs. Finally, we have yet to see legislation aimed at cutting domestic energy consumption, a key factor if the UK are to achieve its Kyoto target. The only two bills passing though the commons and aimed at cutting UK emissions are put forward by backbench labour MPs Alan Whitehead and Mark Lazarowicz.

Urgent government legislation is therefore required to deal effectively with the problem. And rather than sending 'letters to the editor' and trying to put a positive spin on the governments track record, I would prefer to see the minister deliver on the governments climate change promises.

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