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Dear Stuart Kerr

The Volvo S80 has everything the successful businessman needs. Comfortable, spacious, and attractive. It always makes a favourable impression on whoever is reclining in the passenger seat and Mrs Shullot.

As Dr Johnson said, "When one is tired of driving, one is tired of life". But the greens, peddling their propaganda about climate change, want to take away this simple pleasure from us. With their two wheels good, four wheels bad mentality, they want us to all get knocked off bikes and arrive early at the Pearly Gates

What next? Car-sharing? I'm not going to share my car with a knife-wielding hoodie from Hackney who can only say three words – Gimme Your and Wallet. Or maybe all cars would become two-seaters, which means I'd have to tie the children to the roof. Though this has its attractions it wouldn't be good for the car or its aero-dynamics.

Where would this all end? Perhaps we would all be expected to go on pogo sticks to get to work.

You're known for your safety innovations and making cars that are as secure as the Queen's handbag. No wonder your cars produce such a high level of CO2 emissions. The European commissars can't have it both ways – both safe cars and low emissions. Sensibly you've taken the decision to go for safety over quackery. And that's what the man in the street wants: cars that are safe and secure, and of course faster, bigger and more powerful.

Assure me that you won't give in to the Commissars of Correctness and start producing cars fit only for Noddy and Fred Flintstone.

Good luck to you and your fine company. Volvo. for life

Yours sincerely

Peter Shullot