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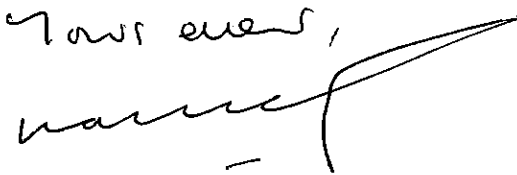
Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 18 March following up on the Spring Statement and my Written Ministerial Statement: *Planning: independent report on build out rates and permitted development* which was published alongside. As you recognise I have set out a broad range of actions which I believe will both deliver new homes and contribute to our work to support the transformation of the high street.

My statement sets out how I intend to take forward the proposals that were included in Part 1 and Part 3 of my consultation *Planning Reform: Supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes*. I intend to implement an immediate package of permitted development right measures in the spring, with the more complex matters brought forward in the autumn and a Government response to the consultation published over this period. I am particularly keen to ensure quality in all new homes and therefore I have also confirmed that I intend to review the permitted development rights for conversion of buildings to residential to ensure this ambition is met.

We all recognise that high streets are changing, and I am committed to helping communities adapt. Our high streets are not just about retail and I believe our permitted development proposals will help increase business activity, provide new homes and attract more people to help grow what should be the centre of the community. Our Future High Streets Fund demonstrates our commitment to support local areas in England to invest in town centre infrastructure and I look forward to reviewing the expressions of interest we have received.

I remain committed to supporting communities and their local authorities in their work to reinvent their high streets. As announced, I will continue to support the implementation of local strategies through the use of innovative planning tools, such as Compulsory Purchase and Local Development Orders.

Yours ever,  


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