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Dear Kit,

Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Corridor

I am writing to request further information on the Government's plans for the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford Corridor.

In your letter to relevant local authorities dated 26 July, you state that the Government will soon begin detailed analysis to explore potential locations for new settlements across the corridor, their alignment with transport infrastructure, and any environmental considerations.

The Committee has received recent representations on this issue from both the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) and the National Housing Federation (NHF), who have raised a number of questions regarding the proposed development's economic, environmental and social impact, as well as the lack of public debate during its formative stages. Both these letters are enclosed for your consideration.

One of the points raised by CPRE related to the potential effects of the development on other regions of England, while the NHF raised the important point of ensuring that such a large-scale development will deliver sufficient homes for social rent.

In advance of the Budget on 29 October, I would therefore be grateful if you could respond to the issues raised in the letters, and in particular indicate:

- How you envisage full public and parliamentary engagement and scrutiny of the proposals for the corridor as the Government's plans develop.
- How the Government will ensure that the infrastructure-led housing development envisaged as part of the corridor will deliver sufficient homes for social rent.
- What assessment has been made of the economic effect of the proposals on other regions beyond the corridor.
- How the Government will ensure that the proposals serve to protect and enhance the environmental assets of this area.

I am copying this letter to the CPRE and NHF for their information.

Clive Betts MP
Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee