

# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear James,

## **BUDGET 2018**

We welcome the specific announcements made in the Budget 2018 in relation to adult social care funding and high streets, both of which are key areas of interest for the Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee. As you may be aware, the Committee is currently undertaking an inquiry on high streets and town centres in 2030 and recently published a joint report with the Health and Social Care Committee on the long-term funding of adult social care.

To assist us in our work on high streets and town centres, we would be grateful if you could set out the timeframe for implementing changes to Permitted Development Rights and the use classes order pursuant to the consultation, *Planning Reform: Supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes*. We note that the consultation is due to close before the Committee publishes its report on high streets and town centres and trust that, despite this, the Department will take full account of any relevant recommendations we make.

The Committee welcomes the announcement of a further £410 million in 2019-20 for adults and children's social care (Red Book, para 5.16). We would be grateful if you could specify the amounts that will be dedicated to adult social care and to children's social care in 2019-20 and explain how this funding will be allocated to local authorities, setting out, in particular, the method by which it will be distributed, whether it will be ring fenced and what conditions, if any, will be placed on how it is spent.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards



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