

# Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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Dear Mr Ashley,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee further to your oral evidence of 3 December on the number of House of Fraser stores you hoped to keep open (available [here](#) at Qq265-66). I have further discussed this issue with members of the Committee at our meeting today.

I would like to reiterate to you now in writing that the Committee is happy to accept that you have not committed to keeping open all 59 House of Fraser stores. We note that you very clearly corrected this assertion on the record during the evidence session, and that this correction was unchallenged. The Committee has agreed that I should report this letter to the House as written evidence to the Committee's inquiry, and publish it on our website, so it can be very clearly on the public record. The Committee therefore considers this matter now closed.

Once again, the Committee is grateful for your oral evidence pursuant to our inquiry. The Committee hopes to publish its report in the coming weeks.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Clive Betts', written in a cursive style.

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