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HCLG Select Committee Report: Planning Guidance on Fracking

Dear Clive,

I am writing further to previous correspondence in relation to the Government's response to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee 'Planning guidance on fracking' (HC767) ('the Report'). As you know, MHCLG and BEIS are working together to review and respond to the Report.

Our Departments have made significant progress in developing the Government's response to the Committee's conclusions and recommendations set out in the Report. However, this work is still ongoing.

We are working to ensure that the Government's response is co-ordinated, and, on this basis, we are engaging further with BEIS to achieve this.

I appreciate that the Committee hoped to receive our response no later than 8 February 2019. Given that we are still considering our response to the Report, I regret that we will not be in a position to provide you with a response by this date. I apologise for this delay.

I would like to reassure the Committee that we will provide the Government's response as soon as possible.

KIT MALTHOUSE MP