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Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 5 November about the Budget announcements in relation to adult social care funding and high streets.

You have asked about 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*. As you are aware our consultation closes on 14 January 2019 after which we will consider the responses received. You have not indicated the likely timing of the publication of your Committee's inquiry on high streets and town centres in 2030 however we will of course be interested to see any recommendations relevant to the proposals in respect of permitted development rights or the Use Classes Order set out in the consultation. If we are minded to take forward the proposals in the consultation to make permanent two time-limited permitted development rights, for larger extensions to homes and for change of use from storage or distribution to residential, regulations would have to be in force before the end of May 2019.

I too am pleased local government will receive additional funding for social care in 2019-20. In total, we have announced almost £1 billion of extra funding for local authorities to help deliver the services communities need and support the most vulnerable residents. I am also clear that local authorities should benefit from this money as flexibly and as free from restrictions as possible. To that end, we will not be specifying amounts dedicated to adult or children's social care.

Our current intention, which we will bring forward for consultation as part of the provisional settlement package, is to allocate the £410 million social care grant according to the existing adult social care relative needs formula. There is sufficient correlation between this distribution to reasonable justify this position, especially in the absence of a strong alternative. The money will be distributed to councils as an unring-fenced section 31 grant, but with an emphasis on using the money for social care.

Yours ever,

RT HON JAMES BROKESHIRE MP