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Dear Clive,

Thank you for your further letter of 2 April in response to my letter of 25 March which set out how I intend take forward measures to support the high street. As you recognise these follow on from my consultation *Planning Reform: Supporting the high street and increasing the delivery of new homes*. My Written Statement *Planning: independent report on build out rates and permitted development* of 13 March set out the actions I plan to take in respect of the proposals set out in Part 1 and Part 3 of the consultation. It is my intention to publish the summary of responses and the Government response to the consultation in due course.

I recognise that your Committee has expressed views on the use of permitted development rights. Separately, I consulted on whether further rights can support the high street as I consider there is a benefit in creating greater freedoms. You will be aware that in my Written Statement I committed to make permanent the time-limited permitted development right to build larger single storey rear extensions to dwellinghouses. This right expires 30 May 2019 and I consider it important, for those making use of the right, that we do not allow it to lapse. This requires a negative statutory instrument and also provides an opportunity to take steps to introduce the more straightforward rights to support change of use on the high street.

The Government has made it our priority to support local areas in the sustainable transformation of their high streets and town centres and we will shortly be responding to your Committee's Report on High Streets and town centres in 2030.

Yours sincerely,

RT HON JAMES BROKENSHERE MP