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Dear Prime Minister,

Enforcement of Contact Tracking and Tracing

Following your appearance before the Liaison Committee on Wednesday 27 May, we wish to follow-up on issues relating to the enforcement of contact tracking and tracing. In the evidence session, you explained that if individuals do not comply with the guidelines then the Government would consider introducing sanctions, such as fines. While we hope that enforcement powers will not be needed, we would welcome clarity on the Government's position should it be determined that enforcement powers are indeed needed. We would therefore be grateful if you could provide a response to four further questions:

1. What the criteria are that the Government will use to determine that there is insufficient voluntary compliance and that there is a need to introduce sanctions?
2. Whether the Government will consider introducing a legal requirement, if it does not already exist, on individuals to self-isolate when they have been identified as having been in contact with somebody who has been infected?
3. Whether the Government will make it a legal duty to talk to a contact tracer if they have contacted them?
4. Whether the Government will include a legal requirement to provide details, when requested by the contact tracers, of all known contact information and the identities of people that somebody has come into contact with?

We would be grateful if you could provide this information as soon as possible, and preferably no later than Tuesday 9 June. We are copying in Sir Bernard Jenkin, Chair of the Liaison Committee.

With best wishes,

Clive Betts

Chair, Housing, Communities and Local Government Committee

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