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Dear Clive

The Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities wrote to you on 29 September 2021 upon his appointment to explain his intention to consider the planning reform measures further before publishing a response to your Committee's reports on The Future of the Planning System in England and on Permitted Development Rights.

Those inquiries have looked at issues which are central to ensuring an effective planning system. I would like to thank you for the work that went into them, and please do pass on my thanks to the Committee members and to all those that provided evidence for their work.

The Levelling Up White Paper set out that we will introduce legislation to Parliament to underpin in statute the changes fundamental to levelling up, alongside wider planning measures. I wanted to assure you that I will keep members closely involved and – because as ever with changes further detail will be in secondary legislation, policy and guidance – there will be plenty of opportunities for the Committee to engage with the detailed work programme.

I will keep you and the Committee updated on progress and would be happy to meet with you.

Yours
Stuart

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