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From Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, Chair

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Secretary of State
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
(By e-mail)

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Dear Alok,

Vaccine manufacturing sites

Thank you for your letter of 23 September in response to my letter requesting further information on the site acquired recently for vaccine manufacture.

In your letter you explained that the Government's decision to acquire Benchmark Vaccines Limited Site in Braintree for vaccine manufacturing was supported by "assessments by the BioIndustry Association". I would be grateful if you could set out:

- other than the BioIndustry Association who the Government consulted to help identify possible sites for acquisition for vaccine manufacture;
- what consultation the Government has had with universities, the private sector and others to identify other possible sites for acquisition for vaccine manufacture across the United Kingdom;
- other than the Braintree facility, what sites have been deemed to have "both the expertise and Good Manufacturing Practice certification required for vaccine production that could be rapidly repurposed for the pandemic response", and which of these sites have also been acquired by the department; and
- what plans the Government has to consult universities, the private sector and others to identify other possible sites for acquisition for vaccine manufacture across the United Kingdom.

I would be grateful if you could provide a response by Monday 2 November at the latest. I will publish this letter and your response on the Committee's website in due course.

With best wishes,

Rt Hon Greg Clark MP
Chair