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Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 8 October regarding your inquiry into the future of the planning system in England.

I welcome your inquiry, which is timely in the context of the White Paper I published in August. My ambition is to see significant improvements in both the way that planning works and the outcomes it achieves, and I am keen to hear the views of your committee as this work progresses.

As you know, the consultation on the reforms is underway, and our thinking will continue to develop in the light of the responses and our wider engagement with the sector. To avoid duplicating the case which we have set out in the consultation, my department will not submit written evidence as part of the inquiry.

My officials and I will provide any assistance which you may require during the inquiry.

**RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP**