



Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee

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Dear Rachel and Richard,

Private Parking Code of Practice and the National Parking Platform

I am writing to follow up on previous work on parking charges. In November 2021, my Committee took [oral evidence](#) on the Government's Private Parking Code of Practice Enforcement Framework. The Government withdrew that code of practice in June 2022 pending review.

We note from a recent [written question](#) that the review is still ongoing, that you are carrying out an impact assessment, and that you will consult further. I would be grateful if you could provide timescales for:

- Completing the review
- Publishing the impact assessment
- Conducting further consultation

I would also like to take the opportunity to remind you of the [concerns](#) about the Private Parking Code of Practice that we raised with the then Minister for Levelling Up, the Union and the Constitution, and ask you to explain how you are taking these into account through your review. In particular, what impact has withdrawing the code of practice had on establishing the Scrutiny and Oversight Board?

Among the concerns we raised is the issue of motorists who are digitally excluded. We note recent [media reports](#) that councils are phasing out pay-as-you-go parking meters because mobile phone operators are switching off the 3G networks used to process card payments. We are also aware of the National Parking Platform pilot and note from another recent



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[written question](#) that the Government is considering rolling out a national parking platform nationwide.

In light of these developments we would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- What findings from the National Parking Platform pilot can you share? Will you publish an evaluation of the pilot, and when?
- When are you aiming to make a decision on whether to roll out a national parking platform across the country?
- How are DLUHC and DfT working together and with local authorities on the potential rollout of a nationwide national parking platform?
- How are you ensuring – both within the pilot and within local authorities that are not participating in the pilot – that motorists who do not have smartphones or who find themselves parking in an area with poor signal can pay for their parking in a convenient manner?

I would be grateful for a response to this letter by 17 April.

I am copying this letter to the Chair of the Transport Select Committee.

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Chair, Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee