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Dear Clive,

Thank you for your letter of 12 June 2023, seeking clarification of the Government's position with regard to the proposed "Alignment Policy".

We will be carrying out a consultation on the Alignment Policy as part of future changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). That consultation is still being developed and Ministers have not taken final decisions on the content.

The Duty to Co-operate will continue to apply to plans brought forward under the current system. Local Plans brought forward under the new system will not be subject to the Duty to Cooperate but will be covered by the alignment policy.

We will make any further announcements in the usual way in due course.

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely,

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Minister of State for Housing and Planning