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Clive Betts MP  
Chair of Housing, Communities and  
Local Government Select Committee  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Clive,

I wanted to write to thank you and your Committee for your scrutiny of the provisionally confirmed Hazardous Substances (Planning) Common Framework. I read with interest your response of 17 December.

In particular, I noted your points regarding engagement with the Health & Safety Executive in the event of proposed legislative divergence and the recommendation offered by the House of Lords Common Frameworks Scrutiny Committee, regarding a commitment to seek evidence from stakeholders during any review of the common framework.

My department will discuss these points with the Devolved Administrations in conjunction with any recommendations they receive through their own scrutiny processes. Agreed changes will be reflected in the final framework.

**RT HON CHRISTOPHER PINCHER MP**

