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Dear Dame Meg and Simon,

PUBLIC INQUIRIES: SCRUTINY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on 26 November to discuss improving the scrutiny of public inquiry recommendations and the work being undertaken by Select Committees in this area, following the letter to Lord Gardiner of Kimble in October.

The government has taken steps to improve transparency of government responses to inquiry recommendations through a new online database. However, we recognise that too often inquiry recommendations have been made and accepted, but not implemented. There are clearly further improvements required to scrutiny in this area.

We all agreed that Parliament is well-placed to review and decide on how to improve scrutiny. We discussed the options that could be pursued by committees in this area and the work you will be doing in the coming months to assess those options.

We look forward to hearing in the New Year about the progress of your work in this area. If we can be of any further assistance to you or you need any input from us to progress your work, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are copying this letter to the Leader of the House of Lords.

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Lord President of the Council and
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