



*From the National Security Adviser*

Tom Tugendhat,  
Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee,  
House of Commons, London,  
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**17 December 2021**

## **NEWPORT WAFER FAB**

Dear Tom,

Thank you for your letter dated 8th December.

As you know, the Prime Minister asked me to review this case, and the government will not hesitate to take further action if needed. The Government is considering the case, and will continue to monitor the situation closely. We are unable to comment on the details of businesses' commercial transactions, or on national security assessments. We remain committed to the semiconductor sector, and the vital role it plays in the UK's economy.

At this stage, given the sensitivities involved, it would be inappropriate for me to comment further.

**Yours,**

**STEPHEN LOVEGROVE**



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**From the Chair**  
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By Email

8 December 2021

Dear Sir Stephen,

I am writing on behalf of the Committee to request an update on your review of the acquisition of Newport Wafer Fab by Nexperia, as requested by the Prime Minister in July 2021, and for an indication of the Government's intended next steps.

What progress has been so far on your investigation and when do you expect it to be completed? We would be grateful if you could confirm that the findings of the review will be published and will include details of the actions the Government intends to take to mitigate the national security risks presented by this deal.

It would be helpful to have a response to this letter by 16 December 2021. I intend to place your reply in the public domain.

Best wishes,

**TOM TUGENDHAT**