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Dear Liam,

Thank you for your letter of 25 May and our recent conversation on the important issue of building safety.

As you know, this is an issue that I take incredibly seriously and we are working at pace to identify and implement solutions to support leaseholders who have found themselves in a challenging position through no fault of their own.

To deliver the commitment made by the Minister of State for Housing to use Portishead as a case study to address the issues that are being experienced by leaseholders across the country, I would like to suggest a virtual meeting between the Minister for Building Safety, MHCLG officials and representatives of affected buildings to directly hear about their experiences. I would also ask for representatives of the buildings to provide my officials with detailed written feedback for analysis which will be followed by further in-depth conversations with officials.

I hope you agree that this approach will allow us to understand how individual residents are being affected by building safety issues, their experiences of Government funds such as the Waking Watch Relief Fund and Building Safety Fund, and most importantly, to identify what lessons can be learned. I have asked my office to follow up directly so this can be quickly progressed.

If you have any constituent enquiries related to the progress of a buildings application to the Building Safety Fund or Waking Watch Relief Fund please do make use of our new MP enquiries inboxes [BSFApplicationsMP@communities.gov.uk](mailto:BSFApplicationsMP@communities.gov.uk) and [WWRFMP@communities.gov.uk](mailto:WWRFMP@communities.gov.uk).

I look forward to visiting Portishead as part of a wider visit to the area and although we do not yet have a firm date I hope to do so over the Summer.

Yours,  
Robert

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