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Dear Victoria,

Thank you for your letter of 28 August, on behalf of your constituents, [REDACTED] about my letter on transformational housing growth in the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor.

On 12 September the Government announced the broad area for the location of the Expressway which is a corridor broadly aligned with the proposed East-West Rail route with options passing either to the east or west of Oxford.

I can reassure your constituents that my letter of 26 July was not pre-empting decisions on the corridor selection for the Oxford Cambridge Expressway road link. My letter addressed the homes that need to be provided in the wider Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor if the area is to maximise its economic potential, as set out by the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) in its report "Partnering for Prosperity".

At Autumn Budget 2017 the Government welcomed the NIC's finding that up to 1 million new homes need to be provided in the corridor by 2050. My July letter was an invitation to local authorities from across the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor to bring forward ambitious proposals for transformational housing growth, including new settlements. This is a first step in identifying where some of the opportunities for housing growth might be, with an understanding that this does not commit either side to anything concrete at this stage.

As you know I visited Oxfordshire on the 18 September and I welcomed the opportunity for further engagement with local partners on the future economic growth of the Cambridge-Milton Keynes-Oxford corridor.

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