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Dear chair,

### Publication of the Government response to the Protect Duty consultation

Yesterday, the Government published a summary of the responses received to the Protect Duty consultation, which ran from 26 February to 2 July 2021.

The consultation considered how protective security and organisational preparedness could be improved at public places, through a legislative requirement on certain parties to consider and undertake reasonable security measures. There were proposals and questions on four themes:

- Who (or where) should legislation apply to?
- What should the requirements be?
- How should compliance work?
- How should Government best support and work with partners?

There was an excellent response to the consultation with 2,755 responses being received via an online survey or e-mail, and over 80 virtual engagement events undertaken with representatives from a wide range of organisations responsible for public places, or with an interest in how effective security measures and organisational preparedness are enabled.

There was broad support in the consultation response that those responsible for public places should take appropriate and proportionate measures to protect the public from attacks, and to prepare their staff to respond appropriately. There were a wide range of views as to who a potential legislative requirement should apply to, and what they should be required to do.

The Government is carefully considering policy proposals in light of the views raised in the consultation, and will consider taking forward legislative proposals when Parliamentary time allows.

I am placing a copy of this letter along with a copy of the Government consultation response document in the Libraries of both Houses.

*With all good wishes*

**Rt Hon Priti Patel MP**