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To: Mike Kane MP

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Dear Mike,

I am writing with reference to the Westminster Hall debate on Vehicle Tampering Offences that took place on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Firstly, thank you for your thoughtful and balanced contribution to the debate. The issues you raised are important and I am very conscious of the need to strike an appropriate balance that allows us to tackle the anti-social tampering that we are aware takes place, while ensuring that we continue to allow our motorsports, restoration and classic car industries to thrive.

This is a complex area, and I wanted to clarify my answer to your question, as to whether changes will apply retrospectively. The proposals would not change the requirements that an existing vehicle would have been designed to meet, but they would be expected to apply to all vehicles on the road, regardless of when any modification might have taken place.

As I said in the debate, we will publish a consultation response summarising the responses we received to the consultation and setting out our next steps, in the summer.

Thank you for your interest in this issue. I will place a copy of this letter in the libraries of both houses.

Regards,

**TRUDY HARRISON MP**

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