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Dear Hansard,

I would like to make some clarifications to remarks I made during my statement to the House on Building the Homes We Need on 30 July 2024, which was recorded in Volume 752.

In response to the Shadow Secretary of State (Volume 752, Column 1187) I said: “In every inner-city area—this is in answer to the question—there are increases in the targets.”

I should have instead said that: “In most city regions beyond London—this is in answer to the question—there are increases in the targets.”

In a further response to Sir Roger Gale MP (Volume 752, Column 1197) I said: “I say to the right hon. Gentleman with absolute respect that he should please read the consultation. We think that we do support our agriculture, which accounts for just over 10% of land—the best and most versatile land. I talked before about protecting the best-value land, and we will do that.”

I should have instead said that: “I say to the right hon. Gentleman with absolute respect that he should please read the consultation. We think that we do support our agriculture, including our best and most versatile land which accounts for 27.2% of land—I talked before about protecting the best-value land, and we will do that.”

I am copying this letter to the Shadow Secretary of State, The Right Honourable Kemi Badenoch MP and The Right Honourable Sir Roger Gale MP. A copy of this letter will be placed in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours ever,

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