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Dear Sian

I am writing in response to your question regarding the National Youth Strategy and youth integration with the Housing Strategy, which you raised during the Westminster Hall debate on access to universal and targeted youth provision on 11 February 2025.

With regards to your first question on the funding and jobs that will flow from the National Youth Strategy, I believe I set out the Government's position in my response during the debate. However, if you have any further questions at this stage, please let me know.

Regarding your second question on youth integration in the housing strategy, the Deputy Prime Minister set out last July that a long-term housing strategy will be published alongside the Spending Review later this year. The strategy will set out our vision for a housing market that works for communities, builds 1.5 million high-quality homes, and delivers the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding for a generation.

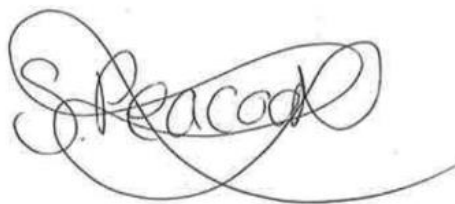
In addition, this government acknowledges that homelessness levels are far too high, and this can have a devastating impact on those affected, including young people. As announced at the Budget, funding for homelessness services is increasing next year by £233 million. This increased spending will help to prevent rises in the number of families in temporary accommodation and help to prevent rough sleeping including young people who are, or are at risk of rough sleeping. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, is developing a cross-government homelessness strategy working with Mayors, councils and key stakeholders to get us back on track to ending homelessness for good and is considering youth homelessness as part of this.

DCMS has been working with the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on the new Youth Guarantee, included in the Get Britain Working paper. A new national partnership is being established to generate a range of exciting opportunities that engage young people and set them on the path to success, beginning with leading sports, arts and cultural organisations like The Premier League, Channel 4 and the Royal Shakespeare Company. We will continue to work with DWP to encourage youth voice into the design and delivery of the Youth Guarantee.



I hope you find this helpful and I will deposit a copy of this letter in the Libraries of both Houses.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Peacock', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

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