



HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London, SW1A 2HQ

Lord Evans of Rainow
House of Lords
London
SW1A 0PW

23 June 2025

Dear Graham,

Thank you for your question on New Towns in the House of Lords on 5 June as part of the debate on Regional Growth.

The Government established an independent New Towns Taskforce last year to develop recommendations on suitable locations for new towns. The Taskforce will deliver a final shortlist of recommendations to ministers in the coming months, including how to deliver and fund new towns. The Taskforce is working in partnership with local leaders and communities, but its selection of sites will be made in the national interest.

The Taskforce is reviewing submissions following a call for evidence, as well as working with local partners to consider potential new town locations. The call for evidence received over 100 responses. London, the south east, south west, and east of England received the largest number of submissions, but multiple proposals were received from every region of England, demonstrating the significant enthusiasm across the country.

The Government will formally respond to the Taskforce's final report in due course.

A copy of this letter will be placed in the Library.

Yours sincerely,

Spencer Livermore

FINANCIAL SECRETARY TO THE TREASURY