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Dear Rosie and co-signatories,

Thank you for your letter of 23 September addressed to the Prime Minister and enclosing your petition calling for an end homelessness. Your correspondence has been passed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I appreciate you and your co-signatories concerns about the levels of homelessness across the country.

The Government inherited a homelessness crisis. There are record number of households in temporary accommodation and rough sleeping is two and a half times higher than in 2010. We are determined to address this and deliver long term solutions.

We have already taken the first steps to getting back on track to ending homelessness. On 10 October 2025 we announced £84 million additional funding for councils with the highest homelessness and rough sleeping pressures to support those most vulnerable in society. That takes our total investment in homelessness and rough sleeping services this year (2025/26) to more than £1 billion, a £316 million increase on the previous year. This increased spending will help to prevent rises in the number of families in temporary accommodation.

At the 2025 Spending Review, we protected this record level of investment to tackle homelessness and rough sleeping for the next three years. The 2025 Spending Review also announced £100 million new funding, including from the Transformation Fund, for increased homelessness prevention activity by local authorities.

Your petition calls for the Government to develop a bold plan to end homelessness. We are currently developing a cross-Government homelessness strategy to get back on track to ending homelessness. We are committed to moving away from a system focussed on crisis response, towards a more holistic approach where homelessness is prevented in the first

place, reducing the emotional and financial toll on families and driving better value for money for councils delivering services. We will publish our strategy in due course.

Where families do end up in temporary accommodation, that accommodation should be high-quality and affordable for local authorities. The Government is providing £950 million of investment for the fourth round of the Local Authority Housing Fund - the largest investment in the fund to date - to support local authorities in England to increase the supply of good quality temporary accommodation and drive down the use of costly bed and breakfasts and hotels. The fund will deliver up to 5,000 new homes.

This Government has committed to delivering 1.5 million homes over this Parliament and the biggest increase in social and affordable housebuilding for a generation. At the Spending Review, the Chancellor confirmed the new £39 billion Social and Affordable Homes Programme, running from 2026 to 2036. For the first time in recent memory, this will give providers a decade of certainty over the capital funding they will have available to build new, more ambitious housing development projects.

The funding announced at the 2025 Spending Review are just the latest actions this Government has taken to get back on track to ending homelessness. Since we came into office, we have also:

- Made available £800 million of new in-year funding for the 2021-26 Affordable Homes Programme to support the delivery of up to 7,800 new homes, with more than half of them being for Social Rent.
- Announced an expanded £500 million third round of the Local Authority Housing Fund, supporting local authorities to obtain better quality temporary accommodation. This funding will deliver over 2,700 new homes.
- Made changes to the Right to Buy scheme to better protect existing social housing stock, including reductions in discounts, protections for newly-built social housing and allowing councils to keep 100% of the receipts generated by a Right to Buy sales.

And, with the progress of the Renters' Rights Bill through Parliament, we will abolish Section 21 'no fault' evictions, preventing private renters being exploited and discriminated against, and empowering people to challenge unreasonable rent increases.

Thank you again for writing on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alison', written over a light blue horizontal line.

ALISON MCGOVERN MP

Minister of State for Local Government and Homelessness