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The Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP
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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your email of 12 November to the Chancellor of the Exchequer enclosing correspondence from your constituent about homelessness and the Spending Review 2020. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area. Please accept my apologies that there has been a delay in replying to you.

As announced by the Chancellor at the Spending Review 2020 on 25 November, the government is investing £254 million of additional resource funding, including £103 million for 2021–22 announced earlier this year, towards our Manifesto commitment to end rough sleeping and to enable local authorities to fully enforce the Homelessness Reduction Act. This takes total resource funding in 2021–22 to £676 million, a 60 per cent increase compared to SR19.

The Government will also commit £87 million of capital funding in 2021–22 to support the delivery of long-term accommodation for rough sleepers – this will mean that overall funding on homelessness and rough sleeping will increase in 2021–22 relative to the total investment in 2020–21.

Please pass on my thanks to your constituents for taking the trouble to make me aware of these concerns.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Steve Barclay'.

RT HON STEVE BARCLAY MP