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Rt Hon Sir George Howarth MP  
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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your correspondence of 30 May on behalf of your constituent,  
regarding the UEFA Champions League Final.

We were appalled by the terrifying and potentially dangerous conditions experienced by many Liverpool fans at the Champions League and I am shocked and concerned by what has come to light. We welcome the fact that UEFA have commissioned an independent investigation, and issued an apology to fans who attended the final.

The French Government has also commissioned a review of the delivery of the event and will also be supporting the UEFA investigation. They have called for sanctions against any police officers who misused tear gas, and confirmed that they will pursue compensation for fans who had a valid ticket but were unable to enter the stadium.

The sports ministers from both countries met earlier this month and we will continue to work closely with the relevant authorities and Liverpool FC. I understand the French Sports Minister has also written to the club.

Fans deserve to know what happened. It is absolutely right that the relevant authorities are now fully investigating these events. These investigations must establish the facts so that the authorities can learn lessons from the event and ensure we do not see scenes like this again.

Thank you again for your correspondence.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Nadine Dorries MP  
**Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport**

