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Dear Kevin,

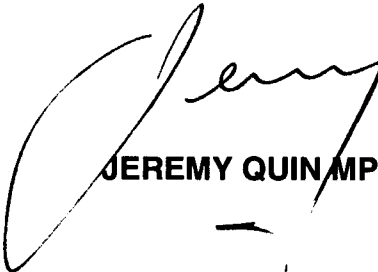
Thank you for your correspondence of 25 November 2021, on behalf of your constituents regarding the vacant properties at Linton-On-Ouse. I understand your strength of feeling on this matter and I am grateful for the opportunity to respond.

As you are aware, there are 160 properties in Linton-on-Ouse of which 84 properties are located on site inside the perimeter fence. The other 76 properties are outside the perimeter fence, of which 56 are located on Linton Meadows and 20 properties on the adjacent Linton Place. 20 properties inside the perimeter fence and 15 properties outside the perimeter fence are currently occupied. All houses are leased by the Ministry of Defence (MOD) from Annington Homes Ltd (AHL).

The properties inside the perimeter fence cannot be handed back to AHL until MOD's use of the site has ceased. However, with regards to the properties outside the perimeter fence, I am pleased to confirm MOD has served notice to AHL to return the 56 properties on Linton Meadows to them on 9 February 2022. The lease arrangements with AHL requires MOD to return the houses with vacant possession. Therefore, to facilitate this, MOD have offered the 8 remaining residents on Linton Meadows, including 5 civilian sub-let tenants, the opportunity of moving onto Linton Place.

In doing so, MOD officials have advised the civilian sub-let tenants that MOD may be unable to extend any occupation beyond December 2022. This is because detailed plans for further release of the remaining properties back to Annington (including those inside the perimeter fence) will very much depend on the timescales on the disposal of the main site and the removal of the security fence. However, I would like to reassure you that the Department's intent will be to release all remaining properties back to AHL as soon as possible in 2023.

I appreciate this may not be the response you and your constituents had hoped for, but I hope the above goes some way to explain the Department's position.

Yours sincerely

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