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Dear Stephen,

STANDING ORDERS OF COUNCILS AND IMPLICATIONS OF THE 'HARTLANDS CASE'

Thank you for your email and further letter of 31 January 2022 regarding the Standing Orders of councils, and the 'call-in' process. You will be aware that NILGA has written to me in similar terms.

I do want to assure you that, within DfI we recognise the importance of finding a resolution and that we are actively engaging with colleagues in the Department for Communities (DfC) and doing all we can to assist them in the actions required to resolve what I know to be a complex matter and one which concerns SOLACE colleagues.

I understand that DfC colleagues have received the legal advice they need and are considering the best way forward. I also understand that the matter is due to be discussed at the meeting of the Partnership Panel scheduled for later this week which is very timely. You have my commitment that we will keep you updated on progress as it develops.

I am copying this letter to Tracy Meharg in DfC.

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