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HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of the *Neighbourhood Planning Bill* and permitted development rights.

I am pleased that the Government has committed to remove the permitted development rights for the change of use or demolition of drinking establishments, including pubs. This means that, in future, a planning application will be required in all cases, and it addresses the long-standing call that there should be local consideration and an opportunity for the community to comment on the future of their local pub. In doing this, the Government is ensuring that pubs will be able to innovate and intensify their use, for example, by opening a pub garden or starting to provide live music, without facing a risk that this will be a change of use that requires a full planning permission.

More generally, I was pleased to support the Bill as a whole, as it will help to identify and free up more appropriate land to build homes on, and speed up the delivery of these homes.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*with best wishes,*

*Tom*

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