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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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*Your Constituent,*

**RE: ISRAEL DEMOLITIONS AND SETTLEMENTS.**

Thank you for contacting me recently about the demolitions at Khan al-Ahmar; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

I would like to assure you that my colleagues in Government have raised strong concerns with the Israeli authorities over the demolitions at Khan al-Ahmar and repeatedly called on the Israeli Government to halt these demolitions. Minister of State for the Middle East, the Rt. Hon Alistair Burt MP, most recently raised these concerns with the Israeli Ambassador to the UK on the 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018. I understand the Israeli Supreme Court has now given the Israeli Government the final say on the demolition of Khan al-Ahmar. My colleagues in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office will continue to reiterate calls to abandon the demolition and displacement of residents.

Demolitions and evictions of Palestinians from their homes cause unnecessary suffering; call into question Israel's commitment to a viable two-state solution; and, in all but exceptional cases, are contrary to international humanitarian law. I assure you the UK and international partners will continue to call on Israel to abandon their demolition plans for Khan al-Ahmar.

I firmly believe that the international community must redouble its efforts to support a comprehensive peace agreement that delivers an independent Palestine alongside a safe and secure Israel, and I know that the Government shares this view. A two-state solution brought about through agreement is the most effective way for Palestinian aspirations of statehood to be met.

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 PURSGLOVE MP**  
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