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Dear James

**Housing to 2040 (formerly Housing Beyond 2021) – report on stakeholder engagement in 2018**

As you know, the Scottish Government is committed to developing a vision for a new approach to housing in Scotland beyond 2021 that encompasses the whole housing system. We have been engaging extensively with a variety of stakeholders, including local government, businesses, the third sector, home owners, tenants and others, to jointly consider how our homes and communities should look and feel in 2040, and the options and choices to get there.

The first phase of our Housing to 2040 stakeholder engagement concluded on 30 November 2018, and attracted contributions from over 800 people representing more than 100 organisations. Stakeholders were invited to provide feedback in response to our Housing Beyond 2021 discussion paper and at the launch event on 25 September.

I am pleased to say that my officials have now processed the wealth of material generated in response to this phase of engagement, and our full report on stakeholder engagement in 2018 is available to read here:


An evidence paper to support the Housing to 2040 publication is also available here:


The extensive feedback summarised in the report clearly illustrates the complexity of the housing system and the diversity of opinions held on the future of housing in Scotland beyond 2021. It is clear, though, that Scotland’s housing system must help to address many of the societal challenges we face as a country, such as an ageing population and climate...
change. To do this will require a long-term, holistic approach to Housing to 2040 across the political spectrum.

The Scottish Government will continue to engage with stakeholders and will undertake further consultation on a draft vision, themes and outline options in the autumn. As part of that, we are considering how best to engage with a wide range of people across Scotland. The outputs from the next round of consultation will help us to inform the vision and a route map to 2040, which we intend to publish in spring 2020.

I hope you find the report of interest and I would be happy to keep the Committee updated as we progress with the development of our Housing to 2040 vision and route map.

Kind regards

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