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Dear James

**Housing to 2040 consultation**

Further to our discussion at Committee on 20 November, I am writing to inform you that the Scottish Government has launched its consultation on Housing to 2040, which will run until 28 February 2020. I enclose a copy of an open letter to stakeholders inviting them to participate in the consultation for your information.

As I set out to the Committee on 20 November, the provision of good housing enables us to deliver on a number of outcomes in our National Performance Framework, and it is important that we recognise the great significance of housing beyond just bricks and mortar. Housing to 2040 presents an opportunity to think beyond parliamentary cycles and to create a new housing system for Scotland for the longer term. I know we all want to work towards cross-party political consensus and to take a collective approach to the future direction of housing policy that is best for Scotland and I hope that the Committee and all parties will work collaboratively with us in this process.

The views collected during this consultation will help to inform the Scottish Government’s final vision and route map to 2040, which we are aiming to publish in summer 2020. My hope is that the vision and route map will help to inform manifestos for the 2021 elections. I look forward to engaging with parliamentary colleagues as part of the consultation and my Private Office will be in touch to organise a round table event with you and key stakeholders in the New Year.
The consultation portal, stakeholder letter and other related documents can be accessed via the following link: [www.gov.scot/publications/housing-2040/](http://www.gov.scot/publications/housing-2040/)

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