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Dear Adrian

Please find enclosed a copy of the response from the Minister for Local Government to the letter that I wrote with regard to the final passage of the Sustainable Communities Bill.

I sincerely hope that we are close to the end of this trail that has generated hundreds of letters from constituents and many hours of debating combat in the House of Commons. I have yet to receive a full briefing from the Local Works campaign team as to the impact of the amendments that have been agreed but it is rare and excellent news that the Government have come to terms with the demand for a Bill that has received all party support and nationwide enthusiasm even though it emanated from a Private Member's initiation.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

TIM FARRON MP

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Dear Tim

Thank you for your letter of 13 August addressed to the Rt Hon Hazel Blears on behalf of a number of your constituents regarding the Sustainable Communities Bill. I am replying as the Minister responsible for Local Government.

I am pleased that the Sustainable Communities Bill is progressing so well through Parliament. As Phil Woolas made clear, the Government not only supports the Sustainable Communities Bill but is the original author of the policy idea of sustainability for our local communities. Far from watering down the Bill's provisions, the Government's objective over the past few months has been to strengthen the Bill so that it can be used in a positive and constructive way. I am delighted that the Government amendments Phil brought forward – working closely with the Bill's sponsor and supporters – have substantially improved the Bill. As Baroness Morgan confirmed during the debate on the Bill's Second Reading in the House of Lords on 12 July the Government supports the Bill and does not intend to amend it.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Healey".

JOHN HEALEY MP