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Dear Sir/Madam

NOTTINGHAM'S PETITION – DECENT HOMES FUNDING

Thank you for your petition received in the Department on 10 January about the allocation of decent homes funding for Nottingham and Nottingham City Homes. I have been asked to reply.

The Government believes all social housing should meet a minimum standard of decency. Throughout the Spending Review Ministers were guided by a commitment to fairness, protecting the most vulnerable people and, as far as possible, protecting frontline services.

The Government is providing over £2billion over the next four years in capital funding to help towards completing the Decent Homes programme, of which £1.6billion is for the council housing sector.

The Homes and Communities Agency (HCA) recently consulted with councils and Arms Length Management Organisations (ALMOs) on the process for allocating the decent homes funding. The HCA has now written to councils, including Nottingham, inviting them to bid for funding.

The HCA will continue to work closely with your local authority to ensure that they are making the most of existing and future resources to ensure that they can deliver improvements for their tenants.

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Department on this matter.

Yours sincerely

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