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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Constituent,

Thank you for your email about leasehold reform and the Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster and the Crown Estate.

Leaseholders of the duchies and the Crown Estate do not have statutory enfranchisement rights. However, I understand that the Crown and the Duchies of Cornwall and Lancaster have indicated to Parliament that it will act by analogy in most cases to give leaseholders the same rights held by others more broadly.

The Crown has adopted a well-publicised voluntary policy of granting lease extensions, which I have been assured is expected to continue.

More broadly, I recognise that Leasehold and commonhold legislation and regulation affects many of my constituents across Darlington everyday. I am pleased to inform you that I recently joined the All Party Parliamentary Group for Leasehold and commonhold reform, co-chaired by Sir Peter Bottomley MP. I joined this APPG to help reduce opportunities for exploitation locally and you can read more about this group's work here: <https://www.leaseholdknowledge.com/category/news/parliament/mps-appg-on-leasehold/>

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Peter Gibson".

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