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Dear Mike,

Thank you for your letter of 13 December, relaying the concerns of Mr Bob Mountford about the review of commission rates in the park home industry.

You may be aware that Mr Mountford, along with a small group of other park home owners, has been a long-time campaigner for the complete abolition of the commission rate which can currently be charged by a site owner on the sale of a park home. He was amongst a group of campaigners involved in a specially convened meeting with the researchers during the fieldwork stage. Feedback received by my officials from members of that group was positive, indicating they felt their views had been taken into account.

Regarding Mr Mountford's concerns about perceived lack of representation from park home owners, residents were urged to contact the researchers if they did not receive a questionnaire, and extras were sent out on request. The deadline for completion was extended, and coverage of 74% of parks was achieved.

In relation to the issue about access to the audited accounts of park home owners, you will appreciate I do not have powers to compel any site owner to grant such access to those acting on my behalf, or indeed, to others.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

I am currently considering the researchers report in detail, and considering how best to proceed. However, as you will appreciate, I am unable to meet with every individual or group who may have an interest in the research findings. Please be assured that I will take account of feedback such as Mr Mountford's in arriving at my final decision.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carl Sargeant', written in a cursive style.

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