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Dear Iain,

Thank you for your email of 10 August 2021, on behalf of a number of your constituents, about the Department's response to the pavement parking consultation. Please accept my sincere apologies for the delay in my reply.

The Government recognises that vehicles parked on the pavement can cause serious problems for pedestrians, particularly people with mobility or sight impairments, as well as those with prams or pushchairs. However, it also acknowledges that in some areas, for example in narrow streets with no off-street parking, pavement parking can be necessary to maintain the free passage of traffic and access for emergency services.

As you are aware, the Department carried out a public consultation on possible solutions to this complex issue. The consultation was launched on 31 August 2020 and ran until 22 November 2020.

The Department was delighted to receive over 15,000 responses from members of the public and organisations, including the charity Guide Dogs. Each person responding was given the chance to answer approximately 15 open questions (totalling over 200,000 pieces of individual feedback). Every one of these needs to be read and analysed. The Department will produce a comprehensive response to the consultation that fully captures all the views and I hope you will appreciate the magnitude of the work involved.

I am carefully considering the consultation findings and we will publish a consultation response as soon as possible, which will be available to view [here](#).

Please be assured that the work on the outcome to the consultation is a priority and extend my gratitude to your constituents for taking the time to write in on this important matter.

*Yours,  
Charlotte*

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