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Dear Ms Lucas

Thank you for your email of 25 May to the Prime Minister advising him of the mood of your constituents and your views on the Assistant to the Prime Minister, Mr Dominic Cummings. The Prime Minister does understand the anger and concern expressed by you and your constituents, and greatly appreciates the sacrifices being made every day by families fighting the spread of coronavirus. I sincerely apologise for the delay in responding to you.

On 24 May, the Prime Minister explained that Mr Cummings had given him a full account of his actions and the reasons for his decisions, which Mr Cummings then set out publicly on 25 May.

Mr Cummings explained that he believed he acted appropriately because of the need to care for his young child and protect his family at a time when his home in London had become a target for abuse. The Prime Minister accepted Mr Cummings' explanation of his conduct and stated that "reasonable people may disagree about some of the decisions that he took, but I don't think reasonable people can disagree about what was going through his head at the time and the motivations for those decisions."

Durham Constabulary have made clear they are not taking any further action against Mr Cummings and that by locating himself at his father's premises he did not breach the regulations. The Prime Minister has said he believes Mr Cummings behaved reasonably and he considers the matter closed.

It is now time for the country to move on and focus on tackling the coronavirus pandemic together – and in doing so, we all must stay alert, to control the virus and save lives.

Thank you, once again, for writing to the Prime Minister.

Yours sincerely

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