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John Griffiths AM  
Chair of the Equality, Local Government & Communities Committee

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Dear John

Thank you for your letter of 10 February concerning the standard of accommodation provided to asylum seekers by Clearsprings Ready Homes, following my attendance at the Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee on 19 January.

I share your concerns regarding the standard of some of the accommodation highlighted in your letter, and in the accompanying written and visual evidence. Asylum seekers are entitled to clean, safe and appropriate accommodation.

My officials have contributed to an initial consultation from the Home Office regarding the new accommodation contract arrangements, asking the UK Government to consider allowing the quality of asylum accommodation to be scrutinised by the Welsh Government or local authorities on a regular basis. As I told the Committee, I take these concerns seriously and I intend to look in more detail at the issues over the next few weeks. I will discuss with my officials how to take this forward, taking account of the report of the Committee's inquiry on refugees and asylum seekers when it is published.

Yours sincerely

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