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Dear Mark,

I have seen your letter of 24 October confirming that the Committee is to hold an inquiry into residential care for older people and which outlined the terms of reference of this inquiry.

I read with interest the wide-ranging nature of this inquiry, which I think the Committee should be congratulated upon. I note that you have also issued an invitation for evidence for this. For my part I am more than happy to provide written and/or oral evidence to the Committee to help inform this process when you feel this would be helpful.

As you will be aware I had intended to establish a task group that would consider over the next year the care and accommodation needs of older people. However, given the comprehensive terms of reference of the Committee's inquiry I have decided to hold this proposal in abeyance. As there would be a strong possibility of duplication I have concluded, on reflection, that it would be sensible to await the outcome of your inquiry before considering this proposal further.

*Yours sincerely,
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