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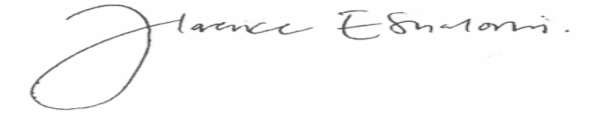
Dear Cllr Dr Robert Clegg,

Thank you for your letter of 19 September 2026 to the Secretary of State for Transport, the Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP, regarding your request to permit local authorities to issue postal Penalty Charge Notices supported by Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and other digital evidence in council-operated off-street car parks. Your correspondence has been passed to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, and I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

I am grateful to you for getting in touch and sharing your concerns. To ensure that you receive a substantive and prompt response, I have instructed department officials to provide an update addressing your specific concerns, which is appended.

Thank you again for writing about this important matter. I hope this information clarifies the position. If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Cllr Dr Robert Clegg,

Thank you for your correspondence. I have been asked to reply.

As you noted in your letter, the Deregulation Act 2015 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2015/20/contents) introduced restrictions on the use of CCTV and ANPR for parking enforcement. These restrictions are now set out in Regulation 10 of the Civil Enforcement of Road Traffic Contraventions (Approved Devices, Charging Guidelines and General Provisions) (England) Regulations 2022 (https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/71/contents). As a result, local authorities cannot rely solely on this technology for enforcement.

The Government's immediate focus is on delivering the Private Parking Code of Practice. However, we will continue to keep the issue of ANPR in local authority car park enforcement under review and consider any further action in light of the evidence, including the information you shared.

Thank you for taking the time to raise this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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