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Dear Freda,

Thank you for your email regarding the Sustainable Communities Act Amendment Bill.

As you may know, this Bill was indeed given Royal Assent and is now an Act of Parliament. Like you, I felt it was extremely important that this became law so I was delighted that Ministers prioritised time for it to fulfil its remaining stages in Parliament. You are right to say that this Act will ensure that the 'bottom up' process in the original piece of legislation will be able to continue. These regulations do cover parish council involvement and the role of local petitioning. There is also provision for greater flexibility in decision-making on proposals.

So this is a great result for local democracy and I hope, if re-elected, to continue to fight for more power to be devolved to local people like you.

Best wishes,

**Judy Mallaber**

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