

Thank you for sharing your concerns about the consultation on the new asylum and settlement plans and in particular the proposal to extend the timeline for ILR.

I appreciate you sharing your own story, describing the contributions you and your wife have made to this country, the roots you have established, and the enormous disruption a change to ILR would cause.

Your experiences and contributions highlight the positive impact immigrants have made to our country. Like the Windrush Generation's work building our NHS, people from all over the world have helped to grow the UK's economy and strengthen our public services.

I am concerned about the Government's decision to extend the route to Indefinite Leave to Remain from five years to ten years. This sudden change creates unnecessary uncertainty for thousands of people – like you – who have made their lives here and are now worried about their future.

My Liberal Democrat colleagues and I are urging the Government to provide urgent clarity and reassurance to those affected.

On May 12, Lisa Smart – the Liberal Democrat Home Affairs Spokesperson – [asked the Home Secretary](#) to clarify changes to immigration policy, including a clear timetable for any changes to visa rules.

We will keep pushing for an immigration system that works for our country and our economy, while ensuring that everybody is treated with dignity and respect.

That includes scrapping the Conservatives' arbitrary salary threshold and replacing it with a more flexible merit-based points system for work visas, similar to those used by Canada and Australia.

We are also calling to move policymaking on work visas and international students out of the Home Office and into the Departments for Business and Education respectively. This would prevent the sort of cruel and counterproductive immigration policies that became too commonplace under the previous Conservative government.

Thank you again for contacting me about this important issue and taking the time to explain your concerns in detail.

Best wishes,

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