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Thank you for your follow up on this. I hope the response from the Minister for Migration and Citizenship provided some clarity.

You are right that the Government is consulting on the proposed reforms, and that the consultation specifically seeks views on whether transitional arrangements should apply to those already on a pathway to settlement.

In my view, it is important that our migration system works and that it is fair and properly managed. I recognise that we are at a moment of crisis, with continued pressures on living standards, the rise of the far right, and the impact of unpredictable geo-politics dividing our society. When faced with this division, we must work together to build integrated, cohesive, and resilient communities, and it is critical that we view reform of the asylum system in this way.

With this in mind, I believe that the new earned settlement policy should not apply to individuals who are already on the current five-year route. As you say, many of these people have already made serious life decisions based on the existing framework, and I believe it would be unfair to disrupt that.

It may interest you to know that I have joined many of my colleagues to call on the Government to carefully consider the importance of integration, cohesion, and fairness in its asylum reform, particularly as it analyses feedback from the public consultation.

I appreciate the concerns you have raised. Please be assured that I am doing all I can to ensure our system reflects the goal of building a shared sense of belonging and Britishness. I believe this is essential to our national renewal.

Kind regards,

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