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Dear Shailesh,

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the Notices to Quit issued by the Defence Infrastructure Organisation (DIO) in respect of non-service personnel who rent from the Ministry of Defence homes where the freeholder is Annington Homes.

We are very alert to the issues currently being faced by tenants and take the concerns raised very seriously.

I will reply substantively to your letter in due course but wanted to draw your attention to an email issued by the DIO to those affected today. While I appreciate this does not resolve the issue for your constituents I hope it shows the determination of the MOD to do its utmost to support tenants while meeting very necessary long term objectives for the Defence Estate. Please do not hesitate to get in touch.

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UPDATE ON YOUR TENANCY AGREEMENT

You will recall that both DIO and Orchard and Shipman wrote to you last week to inform you that we would not be extending your tenancy beyond March 2021. However, we are very aware of the issues facing some tenants during the current pandemic and where, in cases of hardship, additional time is required, we are willing to extend tenancies by up to a further 6 months through to September 2021 on a case by case basis.

I therefore confirm, on behalf of the MOD, and following consultation with your letting agent Orchard and Shipman, we are offering you the opportunity to remain in your current property up to the end of September 2021, which you should apply for through Orchard and Shipman by 1 November 2020.

In the meantime, we continue to engage with Annington Homes and, especially in the light of current circumstances, would like to enable a process for properties to be returned with sitting tenants if the tenants wish to remain. However, this would require the agreement of Annington Homes.

The terms of your tenancy agreement remain extant, and you can of course give notice to the MOD in line with that tenancy agreement at any time. If you do not apply to Orchard and Shipman for an extension on the grounds of hardship before 1 November 2020, the terms of your existing Notice to Vacate by March 2021 will remain extant.

In some areas there may be an opportunity to sublet an alternative property through Orchard Shipman, after September 2021 and they will of course give you every assistance. Please feel free to discuss with them any family circumstances that might impact on your planning for alternative housing arrangements. They can be contacted via their E-mail address: Enquiries@orchard-shipman.com.