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Dear Mr Lammy

Thank you for your email of 2 March on behalf of your constituent Lorna Reith about untaxed vehicles in her area. I have been asked to reply.

I am sorry to learn of the problems residents are experiencing due to untaxed vehicles. Please pass on my assurances to Ms Reith that we appreciate the efforts of the public in assisting us in our drive to target vehicle tax evasion. It is of great help to us when members of the public provide us with relevant information.

We operate a comprehensive package of measures to tackle vehicle tax evasion. These range from reminder letters and fixed penalties, through to court prosecutions and the wheel clamping/removal of untaxed vehicles. It is often the case that action is being taken that may not be visible to the public.

Reports of untaxed vehicles are passed to our national wheel clamping contractor, NSL Services Ltd (NSL), so that they can, where appropriate, take enforcement action. However, we cannot provide an immediate call out service to target reported vehicles. Therefore, there may be a delay in a visit to a specific location as targeting individual vehicles or locations is not always the most productive way to proceed.

I have passed the details you have provided to NSL, and enforcement action will be taken against any untaxed vehicles present during their next visit to the area. However, I must advise that while legislation allows untaxed vehicles to be clamped, there are important exceptions such as vehicles parked on land associated with a dwelling, for example private parking bays, on private driveways, garages. If NSL are unable to take enforcement action, your constituent will need to raise her concerns with the landowner.

I understand your constituent has reported this issue to the local authority and the police. The police have powers to immediately remove any vehicle if they have reasonable cause, for example if vehicles causing an obstruction, or likely to be causing a danger. If this is the case, your constituent may wish to discuss this further with the police.

Yours sincerely

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