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Constituents of Shrewsbury and Atcham

Dear Constituent

Dominic Cummings

Thank you for contacting me about Dominic Cummings' journey to County Durham.

Mr Cummings openly set out his actions from 27th March to 14th April in his recent public statement, and he took extensive questions from the media, which you may have seen on television or read about in the press.

I recognise that many people have strong feelings on this issue, particularly given the hardship that many families are going through and the sacrifices that people have made over recent months. I have sought to understand Mr Cummings' views. In his statement, he explained his reasons for taking the actions that he took, which were in line with the Government guidance. This sets out that "if you are living with children keep following this advice to the best of your ability, however, we are aware that not all these measures will be possible."

Mr Cummings then added that he believed he acted appropriately because of the need to care for his young child and protect his family at a time when his home in London had become a target for abuse.

As the Prime Minister has acknowledged, reasonable people may disagree with his actions. I can understand the difference of views. But it is also the case that individuals must exercise their judgement when it comes to dealing with exceptional circumstances, as the rules allow. It is now time for the country to move on and focus on tackling the coronavirus pandemic together – and in doing so, we all must stay alert, to control the virus and save lives.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Daniel Kawczynski MP
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