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Constituents of Shrewsbury and Atcham

Dear Constituent

No.10 Gatherings

Myself and fellow MPs I have been contacted by many constituents about gatherings at No.10 during lockdown.

I understand and share the anger felt by people across the country at allegations of gatherings in Downing Street during the pandemic. So many of us have made extraordinary personal sacrifices throughout the pandemic. We followed the rules to protect ourselves, our loved ones, and our communities. I know for many people, it is deeply upsetting to think that those in Downing Street, who set the rules, did not follow them.

The Prime Minister, in comments to the House of Commons, has accepted that there were things that they did not get right and has taken responsibility for this. He has offered his heartfelt apologies.

I welcome the ongoing investigation into these allegations which will establish all the facts and report back as soon as possible. This is an independent investigation and is being led by Sue Gray, second permanent secretary at the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities. I want to reassure you that the Terms of Reference for this investigation make clear that where there are credible allegations of gatherings, these may be looked at. It has been confirmed that this includes the allegations relating to November and December 2020 as well as 15th and 20th May 2020. The Government has been clear that if wrongdoing is established, then appropriate disciplinary action will be taken.

I await the outcome of the inquiry at which point the Prime Minister will make a statement in Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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Daniel Kawczynski MP
Member of Parliament for Shrewsbury & Atcham