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Dear Mr Batty,

Thank you for your letter of 19 March to the Prime Minister about alcohol-related crime and disorder. As I am sure you can appreciate, the Prime Minister receives a lot of correspondence and is unable to respond to each item individually. Your letter has therefore been transferred to the Direct Communications Unit at the Home Office and I have been asked to reply. I would like to apologise for the delay in doing so.

You are right to highlight the impact of alcohol misuse on people's lives. This is why we have taken action to address this issue.

As you are aware, alcohol pricing is just one part of our wider package to tackle alcohol misuse and associated crime and health harms. The Alcohol Strategy that we published in March 2012 set out the wide range of action that we are taking to tackle the issue of excessive consumption and to reshape the nation's approach to alcohol. This action includes tougher licensing laws, providing local communities with more tools and powers to take action locally and giving more information to the public.

The Government ran a public consultation on delivering its policies to cut alcohol fuelled crime and anti-social behaviour from 28 November 2012 – 6 February. The Government is currently considering the views which have been received and will publish its response on the Home Office website in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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