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### **Response to Umm al-Hiran – January 2017**

Thank you for contacting me about recent events at Um al-Hiran.

I am concerned by reports that a violent incident occurred in the Negev Bedouin village of Um al-Hiran (in Green Line Israel) on 18 January. I understand that the village has a demolition order issued against it.

I welcome the fact that the UK Government has called on the Israeli authorities and the Bedouin community to work together to find a solution that meets the needs and respects the rights of the people affected. I believe this should include a robust planning process that adequately consults and addresses the needs of Israel's Bedouin communities.

I can assure you that I will continue to monitor the matter.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Craig Whittaker'.

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