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## **Impact of Immigration**

Thank you for contacting me about immigration.

While I have always been committed to ensuring Britain attracts the brightest and the best from around the world, it is true that uncontrolled immigration puts pressure on schools, hospitals and transport. That's why I support the Government in delivering annual net migration in the tens of thousands, not the hundreds of thousands.

Britain must have an immigration system that puts the country first and builds a more cohesive society. Although I admit immigration will not fall overnight, there are measures that can be taken to help communities affected by high levels of immigration. I welcome the announcement that the Government has outlined a £140 million fund to help ease pressures on public services in communities affected by high levels of immigration and reduce illegal immigration across the country.

Local authorities will be able to bid into this fund with their ideas on how to reduce pressures resulting from high levels of immigration. Funding will be made available to increase the work being done to stop housing benefits going to people who have no right to be here, reduce rough sleeping by migrants, tackle anti-social behaviour and further crack down on 'beds in sheds'. For those that are here legally, funding will also be available to provide more English language training to help communities integrate.

Thank you again for contacting me.

Kind regards,

Craig Whittaker MP