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**HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Constituent,*

**RE: DEMOLITION OF UMM AL-HIRAN**

Thank you for contacting me about the proposed demolition of Umm al-Hiran.

I am pleased that the Minister for the Middle East, Tobias Ellwood, intends to raise the concerns expressed in the House of Commons about plans to demolish this Bedouin village in the Negev. Demolition orders delivered to residents had stated that initial demolitions would occur on 22 November, and although the demolition did not happen on this day, the threat remains.

I can assure you that the UK Government is calling 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. This should include a robust planning process that adequately consults and addresses the needs of Israel's Bedouin communities.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

*Yours sincerely,*