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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for your letter dated 26 February to the Rt Hon Christopher Pincher MP with the Chartered Institute of Building's evidence on toilet provision. I appreciate how important this matter is to you and I am grateful to you for contacting this department with your concerns.

Government launched this technical review on male and female toilet provision, aiming to establish the best way to deliver the right mix of toilets for everyone as a priority. We want to make sure that women can expect a sense of dignity, security and safety when using toilet facilities. The aim is to ensure there is a fair and safe provision of accessible, male, female and gender-neutral toilets for all.

As part of this review, the merits of any best practice guidance on the provision of a gender-neutral toilet, as part of a wider balanced mix of gender-specific male and female toilets – where space allows – will be considered, alongside the interaction with the necessary provision of accessible toilets for disabled people. The review will not only consider building regulations but also take a wider view of where relevant technical support and guidance could sit. CIOB's proposals to include provision for the health and welfare of construction workers are welcome. There are a few alternative routes and mechanisms for conducting this review, and MHCLG will be considering the best route forward as a priority, working closely with relevant stakeholders to ensure that their views and technical knowledge relating to toilet provision is considered. We will be considering the alignment of industrial regulation with public toilet provision and consider how to improve accessibility, diversity and workplace health and safety. I thank you for your contacts and willing involvement.

The call for evidence closed on 26 February and I am pleased to confirm we received CIOB's evidence in time to include it amongst a large response to this call for evidence. Government will consider CIOB's evidence before responding over the next steps.

Once again, I appreciate how important this matter is to you and I am grateful to you for contacting me with your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

**LORD GREENHALGH**