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Dear Councillor Roberts,

Thank you for your letter of 18 December to the Secretary of State about graduated driving licences. I am responding as Minister for the Future of Roads.

I would like to make clear that improving road safety is one of my Department's highest priorities. Injuries and fatalities from road collisions caused by driving are unacceptable, and this Government will work hard to prevent these tragedies for all road users.

The latest statistics do show that the number of fatalities for car drivers aged 17-24 years-old on Britain's roads is falling. The Department has seen a drop in the number of 17–24-year-old drivers killed from 448 in 1990, to 158 in 2010, and to 90 in 2023. However, this Government believes that there is no room for complacency, particularly because, in terms of population and the number of miles driven, 17–24-year-olds, particularly young men, remain one of the highest fatality risk groups both as car drivers and passengers.

Whilst we are not considering Graduated Driving Licences, we absolutely recognise that young people are disproportionately victims of tragic incidents on our roads, and we are exploring options to tackle the root causes of this without unfairly penalising young drivers.

I want to reiterate that this Government treats road safety with the utmost seriousness, and we are committed to reducing the numbers of those killed and injured on our roads.

My Department is developing our road safety strategy and will set out more details in due course.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lilian', with a long, sweeping underline stroke extending to the right.

LILIAN GREENWOOD MP

MINISTER FOR THE FUTURE OF ROADS