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Dear Sara

Dilapidation Bill

Thank you for your email of 17 May enclosing correspondence for the attention of Minister Muir. The Minister has read your letter and asked me to reply on his behalf.

It is recognised that the existing legislation used by councils in respect of dilapidation is dated and geographically fragmented which makes it more difficult for councils to use. A draft bill has been prepared which aims to consolidate and enhance existing legislation and improve the cost recovery ability of councils.

Subject to the agreement of the Executive, Minister intends to introduce a Dilapidation Bill to the Assembly after summer recess this year. The proposed Bill would provide councils with a modern and fit-for-purpose regime, including clear powers to tackle dilapidated and dangerous buildings and neglected sites.

Yours sincerely

Simon Webb
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