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The Rt Hon Jim McMahon MP  
Minister of State (Minister for Local Government and English Devolution)  
By Email

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Dear Jim,

I am writing on behalf of a constituent who has inquired about the future of the Community Ownership Fund and whether the Government plans on reopening the scheme for new applicants.

The fund was launched in 2021 and was intended to run for four years, through to April 2025. The last application period was closed in May 2024 when the election was announced and has not reopened since. My constituent was preparing to apply to the next round of applications when the election was announced and has since received no information about if the Government plans to continue the scheme. Furthermore, the Community Ownership Fund was not mentioned in the budget; no outline for the future of this fund nor an introduction of any further funds that may replace it.

Does the Government intend to reopen this scheme for new applicants, and if so, when can we expect this to happen?

Thank you for your attention to this matter - I look forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Chowns'.

Ellie Chowns MP, North Herefordshire.