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HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Thank you for contacting me about coronavirus and the three-tier categorisation.

I have discussed this matter at length with both Worcestershire County Council and both district councils in my constituency and I would strongly resist any plans to adjust our current categorisation in the medium risk tier.

There is, nevertheless, a significant rise in cases in the north of the county and I hope that people will be able to slow the spread by following the rules – washing hands, wearing face coverings and keeping space from each other.

Like you, I have concerns about the changes that are being implemented at speed, such as the 10 pm curfew and I am keen to see the scientific case for such changes and for Parliament to be able to scrutinise and approve such changes as they are proposed. I will continue to be a strong voice for constituents on this important matter.

Worcestershire people have taken extraordinary steps over recent months to help slow the spread of the virus and help to take the pressure off the NHS. With Winter drawing in, there are clearly heightened risks but I am confident that with a strong local resilience plan already in place, which you can read here https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20769/coronavirus_covid-19/2273/coronavirus_covid-19_outbreak_control_plan , we can manage any hike in positive cases while protecting the NHS, the economy and people's livelihoods.

Thank you for contacting me on this important matter.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Harriett Baldwin".

Harriett Baldwin MP
Member of Parliament for West Worcestershire