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Dear Cllr Goodman,

## **REFORMING THE OFFENCES AGAINST THE PERSON ACT 1861**

On checking through the responses we have received to our consultation paper "Violence - Reforming the Offences Against the Person Act 1861", I came across your letter of 10 March addressed to Mrs Moxon here. From our records I am afraid it appears that I may not have responded to your letter at the time (as I was asked to). I apologise for that oversight and trust you will take this as a belated acknowledgement.

The issues raised in your letter are matters of substance which we will have to consider very carefully before the proposals on offences against the person can be taken forward. However, as I am sure you will appreciate, we have received a large number of responses to the consultation paper and we may not be in a position therefore to enter into further correspondence on the responses we have received.

I would like to take this opportunity though to thank you for taking the time to write to us on this subject and to assure you that we will take account of the points you raised in your letter before a decision is reached on how to take these proposals forward.

Yours sincerely

Edward Pegg

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