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Sent: 13 March 2025 14:03
To: ewpcclerk@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Product Safety and Metrology Bill (Case Ref: AK34277)

Dear Sara,

Thank you for taking the time to write to me. Please forgive my delay, I had thought I had replied to you already, my apologies.

The Product Regulation and Metrology Bill is yet to reach the Commons but when it does, I shall assess the detail of it in greater detail, speak to my colleagues who are experts on this, and of course consider any amendments tabled by MPs.

From what I understand, I expect to welcome many of the precautions taken in this bill, particularly the concept of being able to change the existing regulation more freely as new technology and developments change so do our safety concerns. As lithium batteries become more commonplace concerns around safety will only become more important. I am told that UK fires linked to lithium-ion batteries saw a 46% increase in 2023 compared to 2022, this is a very worrying statistic that needs addressing, and I have had some of those discussions with our local fire brigades.

There are other concerns too regarding slave and child labour, and the risk of benefitting hostile states when sourcing the lithium in the supply chains which I hope can be settled through improved legislation – such as the amends I secured to the Procurement Bill which will hopefully reduce those issues for public procurement. As you may have seen with my opposition to Mallard Pass, I feel strongly about us transitioning any aspect of our energy if it harms communities elsewhere.

Thank you again for reaching out to me.

All my best to you and yours,

Alicia

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Dear Sara

Thank you for your email.

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email and Alicia will respond to you directly.

Kind regards

Helena

Helena Ballard
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Dear Alicia

We would like to draw your attention to the upcoming Product Safety and Metrology (PRAM) Bill which will be reaching the Commons later this month. Edith Weston Parish Council is very supportive of the need for greater safety regarding lithium-ion batteries and would like to ask for your support as this Bill goes through Parliament. Please find attached some information to support our stance.

Many thanks
Sara

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