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BY EMAIL

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Dear Steve

RE: Promise of visit to Wylam Brewery

Your predecessor, the Rt Honourable Michael Gove MP, promised in the House on the 25th of March to come and visit Wylam brewery in my constituency to discuss with them the barriers they currently face exporting to the EU. When I asked if he would meet with Wylam, he said:

"I absolutely will. I can think of no better contribution to raising morale, not just in Newcastle but in the European Union, than ensuring that people in the EU can enjoy beer brewed in Newcastle rather than the stuff that they brew elsewhere."

I followed this up with a letter on the 26th of March. My team chased a reply up and were told on the 27th April that we would receive a response as a priority. I wrote again on the 7th of July. As yet, neither my office nor Wylam have been approached to arrange a meeting.

Are you able to honour the commitment your predecessor made?

King regards,



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P.S. The exchange is on Hansard: <https://hansard.parliament.uk/Commons/2021-03-25/debates/9AD15788-CF16-433C-8565-E7AE8F1C495C/TopicalQuestions>