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Dear Mr Wilson,

Thank you for your letter of 24 January to the Prime Minister, which included your suggestion that the maritime team in the Department for Transport relocates to Liverpool. Your letter has been transferred to this Department, and I am replying as the Minister responsible for maritime.

The Government has committed to level up across the UK, and is clear that the administration of government needs to be less London-centric. The Department for Transport, like all departments, is working closely with wider cross-cutting programmes, such as the Places for Growth programme in Cabinet Office, to consider the options for relocating Civil Service and arm's length body roles out of London and into the nations and regions of the United Kingdom.

We want to ensure we are realising the full potential of the country and delivering opportunity across the UK, including in northern cities such as Liverpool, through local industrial strategies, devolution deals and city deals.

I hope to visit Liverpool in the coming months and look forward to seeing first hand all the exciting developments which are taking place.

Yours sincerely

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