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Dear Danny,

Thank you for your recent interest in the future of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme. I know this has been a key source of interest for the sector and issue of concern in many constituencies, including yours. I am pleased to confirm that I will be continuing the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme into 2025 and 2026. The scheme will run until the end of March 2026, with a budget of £23 million.

In order to meet budgets against a tough economic backdrop, and bearing in mind a wide range of competing priorities for expenditure within the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, I have decided to introduce a cap on the total amount an organisation can claim per year from the scheme. I have set this at £25,000. This can still be spread across multiple claims. This cap helps ensure that a wide range of listed places of worship all over the country will continue to be able to benefit from the support the scheme provides. Our analysis of previous data suggests that 94% of claims are unaffected by this change.

Yours sincerely,

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