

Land Registry

Many constituents have written to me about the possible privatisation about the Land Registry.

I am against these proposals and am working with colleagues to stop it. The Government has failed to make any compelling case to support their plans including in a government response about this which you can read [here](#).

My colleague, David Lammy, is pushing this campaign forward and I have given him my support at every opportunity. He recently led a debate in parliament on this. The debate reflected the cross-party concern about these plans and the Minister's response was positive, but didn't completely rule out the plans. David Lammy summarised the debate well by saying:

This afternoon, the strength of feeling in the House has been conveyed. Across the House, there is opposition to the privatisation of the Land Registry. I think we can describe the Minister as one of the Government's more eloquent junior Ministers. I think he acknowledged that he was making a case for looking at the matter, but that he clearly had not made a compelling case for privatising it. He used phrases such as "listening very carefully to the House" and "merely looking at it." On that basis, those who read the debate in Hansard and reflect on what he has said and on what he has not been able to say in any convincing form might conclude that it is unlikely that the Government will move forward in this way. Certainly with the majority as it is, it is clear that the Government would not command the strength of the House. I hope that the debate gives some comfort to those deeply concerned across the country and to those who work for this great institution. With that, we can perhaps move on to the next debate.

You can read the full debate [here](#).

I hope that the expressions of concern during the debate, which unfortunately I could not attend, were sufficient to make the government drop the plans, but I will keep on top of this issue. A final decision will be announced later in the year but I hope now that the Government has seen that there is widespread opposition to the plans that they will not go ahead.

Yours ever,



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