Dear [MP / Cllr name],

I am getting in touch from [housing association] to invite you to visit our supported housing project, to see how we are helping people live healthy and independent lives in [constituency].

Supported housing is a vital service that empowers more than half a million people to live independently. The range of support available varies depending on the project and place, but all supported housing aims to offer a decent home, independence, and support where necessary, to people in our communities who are often overlooked. This includes, older people, disabled people, victim/survivors of domestic abuse, prison leavers and those who have experienced homelessness.

At [housing association name] we [describe the supported housing services you offer and who uses these services. Include relevant data if you have this – e.g. number of people you help, brief figures on outcomes for those you support].

[Without supported housing](https://www.housing.org.uk/resources/research-into-the-supported-housing-sectors-impact-on-homelessness-prevention-health-and-wellbeing/), 41,000 more people would be homeless, 30,000 people would be at risk of homelessness and we would need 14,000 more inpatient psychiatric places, 2,500 additional places in residential care and 2,000 more prison places. In 2021, BRE Group calculated that [inadequate housing costs the NHS at least £1.4bn per year](https://bregroup.com/news/bre-report-finds-poor-housing-is-costing-nhs-1.4bn-a-year). This figure is likely to have only increased as the effects of the housing crisis have deepened. An adequate supply of supported housing can reduce these costs.

As well as providing crucial care and support to residents, supported housing is a critical asset in alleviating pressures on our NHS, social care and criminal justice system, but currently there isn’t enough supported housing supply to meet demand. With the Department for Health and Social Care predicting that demand for supported homes in England will increase by 125,000 by 2030, the effects of this lack of supply are already being felt across systems.

Supported housing is essential to society and we would be delighted if you were able to come and see firsthand the work that we are doing in our constituency to help support residents and the wider community. We would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the current challenges facing supported housing and the change needed to ensure the future of supported housing.

[Include contact details or info about the proposed visit/meeting here.]

Best wishes,