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Dear David,

The Committee on Standards in Public Life would be grateful for an update on Google's response to our 2017 report on intimidation in public life. You kindly gave evidence to that review and wrote a year ago with further information; a copy of your letter is attached for ease of reference.

I would be very grateful if you would write and confirm the steps that Google is taking to counter intimidation on its platform in this period of a general election campaign. In particular, we are interested in your progress against our recommendations that social media companies set up a 'pop-up' social media reporting team for election campaigns, and that social media companies should actively provide advice, guidance and support to parliamentary candidates on steps they can take to remain safe and secure whilst using your sites.

For information, this was discussed in our <u>evidence</u> to the Home Affairs Select Committee on 15 October.

I look forward to hearing from you. I am writing similarly to Facebook and Twitter.

Yours sincerely

Lesley Bainsfair Secretary, CSPL