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Unidentified Aerial Phenomena:

I appreciate the increased public interest in UAPs following the US congressional hearing and testimony of intelligence veteran David Grusch.

I note that the testimony from David Grusch, who constituents may mention, does not include any personal experiences and instead draws upon eyewitness accounts from other people.

While the Pentagon has denied Grusch's claims, and there is no evidence that UAPs are extra-terrestrial, it considers them a "serious national security threat". There is an important point about the security of our airspace, at a time of heightened concerns about incursions following the Chinese spy balloon incidents. Given that the Ministry of Defence abandoned its UFO desk in 2009, it is right to ask where unexplained sightings to be reported and to whom.

The Government has been pressed in Parliament in the past and has said that it monitors UK airspace. However, it's my view that the Government created a 'capability gap' by winding down the UK's fleet of E-3 Sentry early warning aircraft without an immediate replacement. The Government's broken military procurement system left the RAF without proper surveillance capabilities.

It is vital that we work to build an Armed Forces fit for a world with increasing and diversifying threats, and I will certainly bear constituents views in mind when UAPs are next debated in Parliament.

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