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**King Charles:**

The Metropolitan Police announced in August 2023 that it would take no further action in regard to the investigation it opened in 2022 into the Prince's Foundation, the charity established by His Majesty the King when he was Prince of Wales. I note that the Metropolitan Police stated that it did so with the benefit of the Crown Prosecution Service's early investigative advice, and after careful consideration of the information received as a result of its investigation.

It added that it would of course consider any new evidence submitted to it in relation to the accusations levelled against the Prince's Foundation. Nevertheless, I recognise that this decision has disappointed some constituents.

I note that before he acceded the throne, the King said that all donations were passed on to his charities and the Royal Household has insisted that "no rules were broken". However, it confirmed that it would no longer accept such donations. I welcome that undertaking.

With regard to wider issues of transparency, as constituents may know, the Royal Household is not included in the Freedom of Information Act's definition of a public authority. I know there have been concerns that the Act includes an exemption for communications with the Monarch, other members of the Royal Family and the Royal Household, and the awarding of Honours by the Crown. I understand that the Government currently has no plans to change this, but I hope it considers the points some constituents raise.

More generally, I appreciate that there are strongly held views about our constitutional monarchy. However, I fully support our constitutional monarchy and the virtues it represents, such as discipline, sacrifice and public service as represented by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

In my view, our new King has been a devoted servant of this country his entire life. He has, for example, been a powerful voice for fairness, and he understood the importance of the environment long before many others.

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