

## Alok Sharma, MP for Reading West

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Dear Constituents,

Thank you for contacting me about the proposed oath of British values for holders of public office.

The UK is home to many different cultures and immigrants have made a significant contribution to this country. I am proud of the tolerance and respect that we show to people coming to this country from abroad. That is not to say that tensions do not sometimes arise between communities. I believe that we can do more to ensure that immigrants integrate fully into British society. A review on community cohesion published by Dame Louise Casey also shows a clear link between cultural isolation and poor economic prospects. Refusing to address integration is unfair to immigrants and to existing communities.

The Government will be responding to Louise Casey's review in detail in the spring and the Government will be considering all views before making a final decision.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours sincerely,



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