



HOUSE OF COMMONS  
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*Dear Constituent,*

Thank you for contacting me about the Data Protection Bill.

I understand you have concerns about the Data Protection Bill, but the Government has listened to concerns raised and revised the scope of the immigration exemption in the Data Protection Bill by removing exemptions in relation to the right to rectification and the right to data portability, Articles 16 and 20 respectively of the General Data Protection Regulation.

The Government has also tabled a further amendment to remove the exemption relating to fair and transparent processing at paragraph 4(2)(b) of Schedule 2. The remaining exemptions will ensure that while people's rights relating to data are protected, day to day operations relating to immigration controls are not obstructed and individual rights are balanced against the wider public interest in maintaining an effective immigration system.

I also welcome that detailed and robust guidance will be published on how the exemption may be used in limited circumstances on a case-by-case basis. People will also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner if they disagree with any use of the immigration exemption.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris'.

**CHRIS HEATON-HARRIS MP**  
**MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR DAVENTRY**