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Dear Secretary of State,

Thank you for your letter on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in response to our letter of 26<sup>th</sup> October seeking clarification for Morris dancing and related activities.

Clearly, government guidance has changed since our letter was written, and we understand that you must be inundated with queries, and appreciate the time taken to respond to us.

If, at the end of this current lockdown, we return to the “rule of 6” and no mixing between groups, we may need to come back to you to seek clarification as to what “mix”, “mingle” and “no interaction” mean for Morris teams, and how far apart groups of six should be.

We continue to support our members to follow all government guidance and rules. We are, however, concerned about the future of Morris and the health and wellbeing of our members, and wish to have in place all available avenues for full future participation.

Yours sincerely,

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