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Leader
Telford & Wrekin Council

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By Email Only

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Dear Councillor Carter,

PAROLE REVIEW – AHDEL ALI

Thank you for your letter of 31 October 2025 to the Deputy Prime Minister, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice regarding the parole review for Mr Ahdel Ali. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of State for Justice as I am the Minister with responsibility for parole matters.

First, I should explain that, by law, it is necessary for us to directly obtain an individual's consent in order to share their personal information. On this occasion, it has not been possible to do so and, because of this, I am sorry that I cannot disclose any of Mr Ali's personal information. I will, however, respond in general terms.

As Mr Ali's sentence is in the public domain, I can disclose he was sentenced to an Extended Determinate Sentence comprising of 18 years' imprisonment with a 8-year extended licence for sexual offences against vulnerable girls. He was released automatically at his conditional release date in December 2020 and recalled to custody in June 2021 for failing to comply with his licence conditions.

It may be helpful if I explain that, on return to custody, all recalled offenders who are detained in prison for a period longer than 28 days must have their case referred to the Parole Board at the end of that period if it has not been so referred already. The Parole Board's powers on review are to direct immediate release on licence, to decline to direct release or to direct an oral hearing following which they will make a decision regarding release. If the offender is not released, the case must be re-referred to the Parole Board at least annually on the anniversary of the previous hearing for a further review.

In reviewing a case, the Parole Board must apply the statutory release test and direct re-release only if it is satisfied that it is no longer necessary on the grounds of public protection for a prisoner to remain confined. The Parole Board Panel will only reach a decision following a full and thorough review of the evidence presented to them within the parole dossier. Evidence will be considered from His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS) report writers working with the prisoner, as well as Mr Ali himself and his legal representative.

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The Probation Service Victim Contact Scheme (VCS) is available for victims of offenders sentenced to twelve months or more imprisonment for a violent or sexual offence. Victims are updated about key stages in the offender's sentence and have the statutory right to request licence conditions if the offender is released, such as a non-contact condition and exclusion zones. Victims can also make a Victim Personal Statement to the Parole Board, setting out the impact of the offences, and can request to read it aloud to the Panel considering the case. On receipt of your letter officials in HMPPS headquarters made enquiries of the West Mercia Victim Liaison Unit (VLU) and I am pleased to have been informed that a number of the victims of Mr Ali's offending are participating in the Victim Contact Scheme. Their Victim Liaison Officer(s) will continue to update them on developments in Mr Ali's sentence including Parole Board reviews and information relating to any future release and recall.

It may be helpful for me to clarify that should the Parole Board decide to direct Mr Ali's release, he will be subject to a stringent set of licence conditions, under the supervision of the Probation Service. These may include exclusion zones, non-contact conditions, treatment programmes, stringent restrictions on internet usage, and in some cases, polygraph testing. In the case of Mr Ali any licence conditions will be set by the Parole Board taking into consideration the views of the Probation Service and any request made by the victims engaged in the VCS. If release is directed and he breaches any of his licence conditions, he faces being recalled to prison custody once again.

Thank you again for your letter on this important matter. I acknowledge that the victims who have suffered so greatly as a result of Mr Ali's crimes face uncertainty and that the parole process can be very distressing for victims. May I take this opportunity to encourage the victims to maintain contact with their VLO to raise any further anxieties or concerns. I hope that the information is useful and provides clarity regarding the Parole process.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'The Baroness Levitt', with a stylized flourish at the end.

THE BARONESS LEVITT KC