



## The Speaker of St Helena Legislative Council

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Rt. Hon Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP,  
Speaker of the House of Commons,  
Speaker's House,  
Westminster,  
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Dear *Sir Lindsay,*

On behalf of the Legislative Council of St Helena I would like to congratulate you on your re-election as Speaker of the House of Commons. Indeed we were comforted watching the televised result.

The re-election is testament to the high regard in which you are held and we recognise you as a worthy Champion of the British Overseas Territories. Your proactive approach in organising Commons and Overseas Territories Speakers Conferences to share unique problems and challenges, and your personal commitment assisting territories to tackle these issues is humbling. I am hoping COTSC face-to-face meetings will also continue.

We have happy memories of your official visit to St Helena and of your inspiring address in the House of Legislative Council. I also acknowledge your passion to involve the youth within our communities; therefore I know you will be pleased to hear that democracy in this regard has progressed to where a group of youths have set themselves up as the Youth Parliament of St Helena.

Your visit to St Helena in February 2024 was indeed your first, but we are hoping you will be able to fit further visits into your busy calendar as you take on this prestigious role once more.

St Helena looks forward to your continued engagement and support in helping us to raise our profile and that of our other British Overseas Territories family.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Cyril Gunnell  
Speaker  
St Helena Legislative Council