**Visit our Pharmacy**

Dear [name of MP],

Congratulations on your election as MP for [constituency].

I am a pharmacy owner in your constituency.

I wanted to reach out personally and invite you to visit [name of pharmacy] to find out more about the work the team do to support patients and the public. Community pharmacists are trusted healthcare professionals: millions of people rely on them every day for access to lifesaving medicines, healthcare advice and other clinical services, such as the newly launched Pharmacy First service.

I would also urge you to do all you can to ensure that this pharmacy, and thousands of others across the country, are protected from closure. Due to ongoing critical funding and operational pressures, over 1,000 pharmacies have closed since 2015. Any further closures will put unbearable strain on the local healthcare system – including surrounding pharmacies – and make the current issues worse. This could mean that patients don’t have the same easy access to vital medicines as was previously available.

I hope that a visit such as this is of interest, and I hope to hear from you soon.

Kind regards,

[your name]