



# Digital, Culture, Media and Sport Committee

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Dear Mr Musk,

## **Invitation to speak to UK MPs following the Twitter acquisition**

I chair the UK House of Commons Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) Select Committee, a parliamentary cross-party group of MPs that investigates new developments and scrutinises Government policymaking in these sectors.

My Committee has noted your proposed acquisition of Twitter and we are interested in the developments you propose. In particular, your intention to roll out verification for all users echoes our calls on the UK Government as part of proposed legislation, which we hope will restore the UK public's trust in digital platforms.

Our 2020 Report on [Misinformation in the Covid 'Infodemic'](#) called for greater transparency of bots and automated and spam accounts, whilst our recent Report on the UK's [Online Safety Bill](#) discussed ways to balance civil liberties like freedom of expression with the need to tackle pernicious, pervasive online child sexual exploitation and abuse.

I therefore wish to take this opportunity to invite you to speak before our Committee and discuss your proposals in more depth. I know you have expressed your wish that critics remain on Twitter and this may present an opportunity to address any critiques in public.

I look forward to hearing your response and discussing your plans for the future of Twitter in Committee in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

**Julian Knight MP**  
**Chair, DCMS Committee**