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CORBY & EAST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE



HOUSE OF COMMONS
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Cllr. Tony Robinson
Mayor
Oundle Town Council
Fletton Way
Glaphorn Road
Oundle
NORTHANTS, PE8 4JA

10th February 2020

Dear Tony
It was nice to meet with you at my Raunds office on Friday to discuss local concerns relating to the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan and wider planning policy at East Northamptonshire Council. I can confirm receipt of your letter of the 10th February and look forward to receiving copies of the two objection letters that were discussed on Friday in addition to the local petition.

I was sorry to hear of your concerns and, further to your correspondence I have today written to David Oliver, the Chief Executive of East Northamptonshire Council, asking him to urgently organise a meeting with representatives from Oundle Town Council, with a view to identifying an appropriate way forward. I have today also written to the Rt. Hon Robert Jenrick MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, enclosing a copy of your correspondence and asking him to review your concerns, and to let me have his thoughts on the matters raised at the earliest opportunity. In doing so, I have commended your request for a review of this unacceptable situation to him, and asked him to do all he can to help facilitate it.

I enclose copies of both letters for your records and I will of course forward to you copies of any responses that I receive.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to meet with me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

With best wishes,

TOM PURSGLOVE MP
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Mr David Oliver
The Chief Executive
East Northamptonshire Council
Cedar Drive
Thrapston
NORTHANTS, NN14 4LZ

OPEN LETTER

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Dear Mr Oliver,

CLLR. TONY ROBINSON, MAYOR, OUNDLE TOWN COUNCIL, FLETTON WAY, GLAPTHORN ROAD, OUNDLE, NORTHANTS, PE8 4JA - RE: OUNDLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

I recently met with my above named constituent and other representatives of Oundle Town Council in respect of their concerns about the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan. Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant self-explanatory correspondence.

The current situation, as I understand it, is totally unacceptable, with the fundamental principle of localism being ignored, by virtue of local wishes being over-ridden in relation to the sites East Northamptonshire Council propose to include in the East Northamptonshire Local Plan. I agree with the Oundle community that there are far more appropriate sites for development than those that I understand are coming before the Planning Management Committee in the coming weeks - sites which equally have the ability to deliver the required number of new homes, but which are much more in keeping with their surroundings, which have the benefit of more existing infrastructure capacity already being in place, and which have widespread community backing.

It is my belief that, with the political will to do so, there is no practical barrier to ENC taking a pragmatic approach to this and changing their stance, and subsequently no detriment to the necessary progression of the East Northamptonshire Local Plan. Furthermore, such an approach would also have the benefit of respecting local wishes, whilst also delivering the new homes required at the most appropriate sites to the local community, and with the least adverse disruption locally.

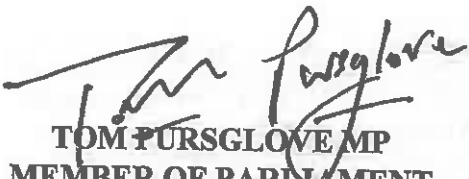


As such, I am keen to organise a meeting as soon as possible between representatives of Oundle Town Council, yourself, and the Leader of the Council, in order to foster a dialogue that can ideally work towards a satisfactory and locally supported resolution for all parties concerned.

I would therefore be most grateful if you could review these concerns and let me have your thoughts on the matters raised at the earliest opportunity, and help me to facilitate this meeting as a matter of urgency.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,


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The Rt. Hon Robert Jenrick MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
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LONDON, SW1P 4DF

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CLLR. TONY ROBINSON, MAYOR, OUNDLE TOWN COUNCIL, FLETTON WAY, GLAPTHORN ROAD, OUNDLE, NORTHANTS, PE8 4JA – RE: OUNDLE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

I have been contacted by my above named constituent, on behalf of Oundle Town Council, in respect of their concerns about the Oundle Neighbourhood Plan. Please find enclosed a copy of the relevant self-explanatory correspondence.

Essentially, I would therefore be most grateful if you could review these matters and let me have your thoughts at the earliest opportunity. I also specifically commend their request for a review of this unacceptable situation to you and hope you will be able to help facilitate it, so that local wishes are respected and the appropriate development sites utilised to deliver on our local housing ambitions.

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I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes,

Yours ever,

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MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT
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