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*Dear Michael*

I am writing to you regarding concerns that have been brought to my attention by local residents in regard to a planning application submitted by Redrow PLC for 1,400 new dwellings in the village of Tring which is part of my constituency of South West Hertfordshire. As you are aware from my question during Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Oral Questions on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, many of my constituents have contacted me with fears that they will have minimal input in the consultation process.

Since my election in 2019, I have worked tirelessly to protect Green Belt land in my constituency, which makes up 80% of South West Hertfordshire. I recognise how important it is to protect our green areas and ensure that infrastructure is in place to support sustainable developments, like access to GP surgeries and schools. I have continued to hold local authorities to account in producing a Local Plan to make sure housing development is sustainable and that our green spaces are protected.

With Redrow PLC's proposed development in Tring, I am greatly concerned that this will damage Green Belt land. Under the current proposals, the 1,400 dwellings will be built on 300 acres of Green Belt landscape adjacent to the Chilterns Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB), and may have an adverse impact on local wildlife near the Grand Union Canal. The environmental impact of this development is also estimated to add an additional 2,000 cars to the village and increase the population of Tring by 30%.

Based on this, I would greatly appreciate you taking these points under consideration during the final decision-making process on this application. As always, I am more than happy to meet with you to discuss this further and relay my constituents' concerns in person.

*Kind regards*

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