

Mr Phil Hope MP
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Dear Phil Hope

Open letter regarding plans for 1000 new houses in Weldon

As you will be aware, Corby Borough Council's Development Control Committee voted on Tuesday 5 January in favour of proposals for a new development of up to 1000 houses in Weldon.

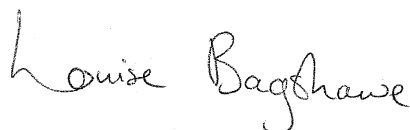
Several local residents have contacted me expressing their concern at the proposals and have asked me to support their campaign against the development. Together with the Conservative Group on Corby Borough Council, I am against the proposals and support local residents in their opposition.

I am writing to request that you use your good offices as Minister for the East Midlands to stand up for Weldon residents and use all of the resources at your disposal to fight against the plans.

The Borough is growing and while Conservatives are not against further housing development as such - indeed, the new employment and community facilities it generates are very welcome - it is the location of this greenfield site and the added strain the development's completion would place on local infrastructure that are of particular concern in this instance. I agree with many Weldon residents that the character of the village is threatened by overly-aggressive development. We need to conserve the beauty of local villages and ensure that growth is sustainable.

All too often the concerns of local residents are not listened to when it comes to planning issues. The strength of feeling among Weldon residents against these proposals is incredibly high. I am listening to them and supporting them by opposing these plans. I very much hope that you will choose to do the same.

With best regards



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