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Good evening Secretary of State;

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“Housing we need”..

CCC and SCDC our upper tiers of local government ignore rules we currently have in place locally; namely ignoring the 40% low cost housing rule and they are supported by Homes England and The local GCP. A good example is the Waterbeach development which is being built out at low 30% affordable housing; our local rule is 40%. The Government could still enforce 40% affordable housing at Waterbeach RLWE as contracts are not signed.

We should not reward more bad behaviour;

Anglian Water should not benefit from housing profit; Anglian Water have for years polluted waterways according to the BBC; Government's have taken no real action.. I would recommend that the current Anglian Water site is redeveloped as a world beating Waste Water Treatment Plant; leaving a reduced North Cambridge development area to be developed at 48% affordable housing given the bad behaviour of CCC and SCDC at Waterbeach etc etc (40% + 8 % recovery for lost affordable housing).

At the public hearing CCC could not put forward a housing plan; apart from saying they want an MIT America style site; really more bad behaviour from CCC. MIT America smells like more unaffordable housing for nurses and shop workers. Some statements fail the simple smell test.

We have major developments at Waterbeach and Northstowe ; we have no real new employment planned in North Cambridge. The science park is being eclipsed by the fantastic pharma industry south of the city. The plan should be to build close to the Pharma industrial site; rather than transport people.

The cost of affordable homes is also an mis-term in Cambridge; affordable homes means not affordable for nurses, police , mechanics, shop workers etc etc . The North Cambridge development should include affordable housing at £120k; fit for Nurses etc . I understand rather than support local people CCC are happy to promote the sale of new homes in Asia; this bad behaviour must cease as it does not meet “housing WE need”

Whilst I applaud our new governments outline for “housing we need “ we really need to put CCC and SCDC into special measures; declare a housing emergency and build decent affordable housing, affordable to nurses etc We then need to close the GCP who have not won the hearts of locals; this will save taxpayers money too. We need £120k affordable housing not waffle about an MIT America Square.

On the subject of greenbelt; I don't believe we need to build a waste plant on greenbelt land. The current site can easily be used for a brilliant transformed Waste Plant; AW have stated they could reduce the current sites footprint; The waste and housing projects are not linked we don't have any assurances if we build a Waste Plant on greenbelt that 40%+8% Real value affordable housing would be built on the redundant site.

I would recommend the application to relocate the waste site to greenbelt land is rejected. Please don't reward bad behaviour; at the public hearing CCC could not put forward a housing plan. Let's get Waterbeach over the line; 10,000+ homes ; sort out the Water supply issues and develop land around the redeveloped waste water treatment plant in its current location. Let's get Waterbeach sorted. Please do relook at Waterbeach RLWE not meeting 40% true affordable housing. Please do look at why Waterbeach 10,000+ homes is expected to take 15-20 years ; should be do-able in 7 years; that would make developers drop the housing sale costs and deliver "Homes we need"

Please reject the application and consider the needs of the younger generations. Please don't reward the bad behaviour witnessed at the public hearing. Please take a look at the current site and realise it could easily be redeveloped as a Water waste plant.

Thank You;

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