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Dear Nick

I have corresponded with the previous Minister responsible for Planning, The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP, regarding events in my constituency of Broxtowe and now wish to bring the matter to your attention.

In brief, Broxtowe Borough Council, in its Aligned Core Strategy, is recommending the acceptance of a housing target of some 6,150. The figure was determined by the Greater Nottingham Joint Planning Advisory Board, currently chaired by Broxtowe, and was initiated by the RSS. Broxtowe has sufficient brown field sites for only 2,500 houses; the remaining land is green belt land.

Nevertheless, Broxtowe Borough Council has identified various green belt sites as suitable for development to meet the target they have agreed and accepted. The public consultation on the Aligned Core Strategy closed in July and we are currently awaiting details of when it will proceed to Public Examination(s).

My reason for writing to you is to seek assurance, on behalf of my constituents, that green belt land does remain specially protected and that Broxtowe Borough Council does not have to agree to a target which will result in houses being built on green belt land.

I look forward to your response.

With all good wishes

As ever

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