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Dear Phil,

I am writing to you today regarding the development at Windrush Place. I am concerned that, following your correspondence dated 31<sup>st</sup> of May 2023 to both myself and Cllr Ashby, there is yet to be any further progress made on this development. To the contrary, the plans for shops, a sports pavilion and an additional seventy-four homes still remain on the WODC planning portal.

My office and that of Cllr Ashby, have been inundated with the concerns of local residents on this issue and the lack of visible progress to see this development through to completion. The brownfield site near to the park continues to advertise to this day, that shop units will be developed there and yet this has seemingly stalled in its entirety during the planning process for reasons neither myself, nor constituents, have been made aware of.

I wish to ascertain why WODC are not enforcing that the developers at Windrush Place adhere to their section 106 obligations. When residents bought property at Windrush Place, they did so with the understanding that the full section 106 agreement would be enacted and thus far both WODC and the developers have failed to fulfill this obligation.

You noted in your previous correspondence that WODC and the consortium behind Windrush Place, maintain a good relationship and a dialogue of communication. I would therefore like to understand what the nature of this communication is. It is troubling to me that the consortium are not equally concerned with the delays in the planning process serving to halt the completion of this development, as both myself, Cllr Ashby and the residents of Windrush Place.

The frustration felt by residents, regarding the in-completion of this development, is exacerbated by a lack of communication from WODC on this issue. Residents have expressed deep concern to myself and Cllr Ashby, feeling as though they have been left in limbo by WODC on this matter of significant importance to the local community.

In light of these concerns outlined above, I would be grateful if you could both look into the progress of this planning application urgently, as well as arrange a meeting with yourself, Giles Hughes, Cllr Ashby and myself as soon as possible.

I thank you in advance for your response on this and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Courts".

**Robert Courts MP**