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CHETWYND BARRACKS DEVELOPMENT, CHILWELL MEADOWS, BEESTON, NOTTINGHAM

Your company is one of a number who have been involved with the building of homes and businesses on the above site in my constituency.

It is my understanding that you bought your part of the development from Cofton which went into administration in the early part of 2009. I am aware that the situation I am about to describe in my constituency is not unique and you may be involved in similar problems in other developments.

I know that from 2004 your company, Cofton and other developers were involved with the planning authority, Broxtowe Borough Council, in efforts to reach a s.38 agreement in relation to the spine roads. Unfortunately, that agreement was never made though I understand you have, in effect, made provision for the cost of making good the roads and a public open space.

I am told you have been contacted by Broxtowe Borough Council since Cofton went into administration as the Council is now keen to have the work on the spine roads completed. I am told you are reluctant to come to any agreement and/ or feel unable to assist given that Cofton own most of the land that constitutes the roads and they are in administration.

A significant number of my constituents have lived for many years with roads that are completely unacceptable. I am not seeking to apportion blame but I am determined to do all I can to resolve a difficult situation and get the roads finished so they can be adopted by the local authority. The "open public space" is an eye sore and has been for far too long.

I understand your company put money into a "stake holder" account which is managed by Shakespeare Putman a firm of solicitors based in Birmingham. The money was to be used, inter alia, to make the spine roads ready for adoption and to make good the public open space. I understand the account contains many hundreds of thousands of pounds.

Given all that has occurred and given that you always intended the money should be used to make good the roads and the play area I would ask you please to agree to release those funds. I am aware the administrators of Cofton (Deloittes, also based in Birmingham) will have to agree to any release of any monies. But, the residents and businesses who suffer from totally unacceptable roads and an overgrown piece of land, through no fault of their own, would be extremely grateful to know that you will not stand in the way of the roads and play area being made good. Your co-operation and assistance would be much appreciated.

As you may imagine the situation at the Chetwynd Barracks development has attracted a considerable amount of interest. Some have pointed the finger of blame

at "the builders". I have no doubt your making the money available to make good the roads and park, would find favour with everyone throughout my constituency and Greater Nottingham given the considerable publicity it would receive.

I have written to every household on the site (some 900 homes) and enclose a copy of my letter. As you will see I am holding a meeting with residents on Wednesday September 22nd at 7.30pm at The Village hotel.

I very much hope to be able to read out any reply from you at the meeting. It goes without saying that you or any representative is invited to the meeting and if you would like to discuss this matter further with me then please contact me as soon as possible. If you would like to meet with me at the House of Commons or in the constituency in the next few weeks I will make every effort to facilitate such a meeting.

I very much look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,



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