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NEWSLETTER



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Hello again,

Following my last email newsletter I would like to set the record straight about Broxtowe Borough Council's plans to fulfill their target of 6,000 new houses, which is causing great controversy.

As you will know, by accepting the last Government's housing target, Broxtowe will have to allow 4,000 houses to be built on our green belt as we only have enough brownfield land for 2,000 homes.

Last week, the Council abandoned its "preferred site" status for the green belt land north of Toton which was good news. The next day they revealed the map below which shows a new site for potential development; namely Chetwynd Barracks and you will see the figure of 2,694 houses. A bigger version of this map can be seen [Here](#). Of course, Toton could not possibly take this number of homes and it would depend on the closure of Chetwynd Barracks. There have been talks with the Ministry of Defence about possible land release at Chetwynd, but I am now assured no talks about building 2,694 houses. One wonders if that is the case, why on earth the Barracks has been considered as a site with over 2,500 houses identified and why this map has been placed with the papers showing sites for potential development.

This all highlights the grave error Broxtowe has made in accepting the housing target of 6,000. Instead, Broxtowe should be identifying its own need based on full consultation with communities and identifying what non green belt land is available. Broxtowe does not have to follow the course it has chosen and this has been confirmed to me by Ministers. Broxtowe now finds itself scrabbling around looking for sites, upsetting communities and putting huge swathes of our green belt at risk of development.

For the record, when I had the honour of visiting the Barracks last year, I enquired about accommodation for families at Chetwynd. They currently do not have enough homes on site so a number of families are housed in Leicestershire or in rented accommodation near to the Barracks. Some families choose to live further away for all sorts of reasons. Ideally, the Army would like to

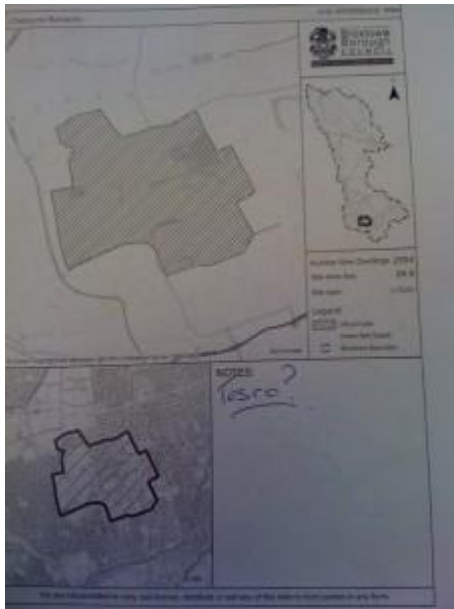
build more homes on the Barracks for service families. I will make further enquiries with the MOD, but there are no plans to release any land for development at the moment. I fear that those claiming otherwise are flying false kites and would be better to have the courage to admit Broxtowe should now abandon the 6,000 housing target.

Finally, I think this issue of development and our green belt perfectly illustrates why Broxtowe needs an MP and the constituency should not be abolished and split up into other constituencies as Labour and the Lib-Dems want.

If you agree please make your views known to the Boundary Commission by clicking [here](#)

As ever,

Anna



PS the operation yesterday to remove my troublesome gall bladder went very well and I was discharged the same day. My thanks as ever to our wonderful NHS workers.

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