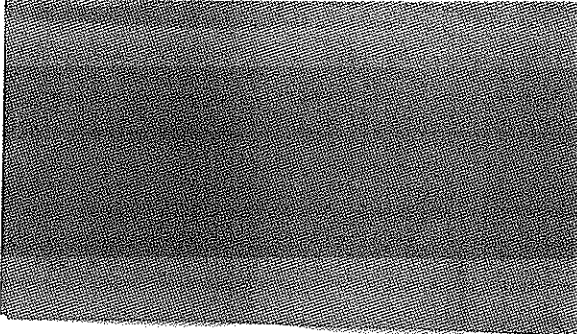


MARK MENZIES MP



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Dear Gavin,

RE:

I am writing after I was contacted by a constituent regarding the number of homes granted permission, and the number of developers winning appeals, in a small village in Lancashire.

I have included the constituent's latest note herein for your convenience, which explains the issue in full. I have also included her graphic which shows the huge number of new home permissions for Warton.

I am concerned, the week after another two developers won appeals to develop in the village, that planning inspectors do not appear to be looking at the cumulative effect of these developments. Some 465 homes have been granted permission with the latest two appeal decisions; that means the village is likely to see population growth from 3,600 to 6,500, almost double.

The village's Neighbourhood Plan was given to Fylde council in September 2014. Since then, huge numbers of homes have been granted planning permission, and this week Fylde Council announced the Neighbourhood Plan would go to a referendum. Large parts of it have been rendered obsolete by the level of development allowed, largely on appeal.

My constituent is therefore concerned at how she can convince the residents of the town to engage with the Neighbourhood Plan after its contents were largely ignored by the planning authorities.

I am also concerned at the weight the planning inspectors have given to the Lancashire Enterprise Zone at Warton. For the record, it was designated by the Government in Autumn 2011 on 75ha of the Warton aerodrome site. To date, in five and a half years, it has created just 12 jobs.

I would be very appreciative if you could look into the matter further and come back to me with an answer to the issues raised and how they are being resolved.

Yours sincerely,



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