

President: Rt.Hon. the Lord Randall of Uxbridge Kt.PC.

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Dear Ms Morrissey

The hugely controversial M25 MSA planning application(s) will shortly be considered by Buckinghamshire Council.

The land at Mansfield Farm, Iver Heath, is entirely owned by the council. It was purchased by the authority's predecessor in the late 1930s with the intention to protect the urban-rural fringe from inappropriate development and to retain large areas of countryside close to London.

We are extremely concerned that the council's property department appears to be wilfully disregarding the original purpose for purchase of such land. Instead, it only seems to view applications for Green Belt sites through a dangerously narrow commercial prism, seeing approaches from property developers solely in financial terms rather than considering their wider farming/food production, environmental and social impact.

We fear Buckinghamshire Council's planning department may approve the application(s) despite the fact that, in its current form the application will eliminate the opportunity for provision of an attractive green off-road active travel route between Uxbridge, Iver Heath and Black Park. Therefore, if an MSA is to be located here then Bucks must ask the developer to go back to the drawing board to ensure that the design is Green Infrastructure-led rather than the current situation where Green Infrastructure is squeezed around the edges.

If this development is refused by the council, then the developers would almost certainly appeal. If it is approved, there would be no right of appeal for local residents and organisations.

We firmly believe these application(s) must be called in before the council's decision in order for the Secretary of State to properly assess their significant impact and wider implications.

We appeal to you, as the local MP, to do whatever you can to get the application(s) called in now. Time is of the essence.

The Colne Valley Regional Park now faces an existential threat from waves of development proposals. The Mansfield Farm site sits in one of its narrowest and most vulnerable areas of Green Belt. If the MSA goes ahead, then the Green Belt

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settlement of Iver Heath would no longer have any countryside left between it and the uncontrolled urban sprawl of London.

Yours sincerely

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