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Dear Richard,

**Proposed Meadows development and impact on St Albans recreation ground**

I am writing further to the public question and then committee discussion on the Meadows development at Housing Scrutiny last week. I am on public record of welcoming the fact that the City Council is building 500 council houses, however I am deeply concerned about the Meadows scheme and the proposal to take a material part of St Albans recreation ground to deliver the scheme. I agree with the view of Ms Colledge (the public speaker), that the Northern part of Cambridge already has very limited public green spaces and as a result of the Meadows scheme the recreation ground will lose over 15% of its area, whilst at the same time increasing the number of residents. I am also concerned that residents have not had a proper opportunity to comment on the proposals through the council's consultation process.

I am therefore formally requesting that you seek to pause the project and rerun the consultation exercise again, giving residents a further chance to give their input on the scheme. I would also be grateful if you could confirm that should the public response be against St Albans rec land being used that you will accept this view and have the scheme redesigned so that the public green space is preserved.

Kind regards

Yours sincerely

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