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ISSUE: Rolton Kilbride planning application due diligence

Dear Irene Lucas,

Please find enclosed anonymised correspondence from a constituent of mine regarding the credit status of two of the directors of Rolton Kilbride, and in particular the number of dissolved companies against their names. I believe this credit check information is publically available, although I have not sought it myself. Nevertheless this raises questions which are in the public interest and should not be avoided.

Therefore, given the recent problems with Carillion, and the subsequent knock-on effect with developments in Sunderland around the former Vaux site, I would be grateful for an assurance from Sunderland City Council that the appropriate checks and due diligence is being observed regarding the company behind the application for a gasification plant in Washington and Sunderland West.

I'm sure you will agree that the health and safety of such a possible plant - so close to residential homes - is of paramount importance, and should only be entrusted to a reliable company with proven experience in such a field of work.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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