



2nd March 2020

HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

Daniel Mouawad
Chief Executive
Spelthorne Borough Council
Council Offices
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Dear Daniel

As you know, there has been a considerable amount of concern across Spelthorne about the draft Local Plan.

I share many of my constituent's concerns about the high level of proposed new housing, and the associated threat to the Green Belt, and you will be aware that I am in contact with the Department for Communities and Local Government to try and reduce the overall housing targets and impact on the Borough.

I am particularly concerned about the potential impact of the plan on Charlton Village. With open spaces to the north and south, Charlton Village is not directly connected to any of the nearby towns and villages, and residents are very concerned that increasing the size of the village as proposed would result in a permanent change to its character, with increased noise and air pollution and unacceptable levels of traffic. There are also concerns that the current infrastructure could not cope with an increased number of homes, and of course there are also concerns about a potential loss of wildlife.

Regardless of the number of new homes that are eventually agreed for the Borough, I would urge you to reduce the allocation for Charlton Village so that this historic village can retain its unique character.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kwasi Kwarteng'.