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The Rt. Hon. Greg Clark M.P.

Secretary of State
Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities
2 Marsham Street
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Dear Greg

The Housing Quota in Romford

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Member of Parliament to highlight my deep concern about the approach to housing from the Mayor of London in Romford.

I have already tabled two Parliamentary Questions to your Department on the 17th of May 2022 and the 5th of July 2022 to ask whether the distribution of the housing national housing quota to Havering were appropriate. In light of severe local dissatisfaction with the policy.

Additionally, I would like to ask whether you felt it was appropriate that Romford was designated an 'Opportunity Zone' by the London Plan, which required it to accommodate an additional 5,000 new homes.

The London Plan sets out that Havering should provide 12,850 homes over the next 7 years, with 5,000 of those being in Romford, as it is designated an opportunity area.

Romford is a town and country borough surrounded by beautiful Essex countryside. We have historic buildings, in particular Romford Market which dates back to 1247. It is vital to my constituents that Havering does not become an inner-city Borough, and that Romford's character as an Essex market town is preserved.

This is why I am so concerned to see that Romford has been identified as an Opportunity Area in the London Plan and is therefore required to accommodate such a large proportion of the new homes quota.

I have received a very clear message from my constituents, both at the door and from those writing to me that they are seriously concerned about the level of developments occurring the Borough of Havering.



The Mayor of London's plan to identify Romford as a zone for additional development is therefore completely unacceptable.

I would like to request that you hold discussions with the Mayor of London to discuss whether it is appropriate for Romford to be designated an Opportunity Area within the London Plan, and to provide clear reasoning as to the justification for Romford's status.

Thank you for taking the time to consider the points that I have made, on behalf of the people of Romford and I look forward to your timely response.

With every good wish.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Rosindell" followed by a period and a horizontal flourish.

Andrew Rosindell M.P.