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## An important update on Royal Jubilee Court

I would like to thank all local residents from Gidea Park who have contacted me to share their concerns over the proposed re-opening of Royal Jubilee Court on Main Road and to update you on the situation.

Havering Council's failure to consult local residents on the decision to re-open Royal Jubilee Court is completely unacceptable. This has led to all kinds of misinformation which has caused a huge amount of concern to many local people. Havering Council did not even inform me of their intentions.

Royal Jubilee Court was purpose-built to accommodate older people from Havering and if there is to be a change of use, then, as I have made it clear to senior officials in the Town Hall, there should be a full public consultation with those who live in the area, along with an appropriate impact assessment before any changes are made.

I have, however, obtained some assurances from Havering Council, which is now controlled by a coalition of Labour and Residents Association councillors, which I hope will deal with some of the concerns that have been forcefully expressed to me by local residents:

Firstly, the site will not be used to accommodate illegal immigrants.

Secondly, the site will not be used to accommodate asylum seekers.

Finally, the site will only be used as temporary accommodation for homeless families from Havering.

I will continue to monitor the situation as your M.P. to make sure these assurances are upheld. I will also continue to press Havering Council to carry out a full consultation with local people, as I strongly believe your views and concerns should be taken into account.

Please feel free to contact me if you would like to discuss this or any other matter with me.

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Yours faithfully,

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