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Dear Michael,

During the Business Question on Thursday 22nd February, the following questions were raised with me relating to your Department.

**Andrew Rosindell (Official report, col. 861)**

The Leader of the House will be aware that I represent Romford in the London Borough of Havering, a historical Essex market town. Will she please arrange for a debate to take place on the Floor of the House about the fairness of local government funding? My borough is nearing bankruptcy because of the failure to have a fair funding system. We are also fleeced by the Mayor of London, who takes huge sums of money from places like Havering to fund the Greater London Authority. Can we have a debate about reform to local government in Greater London, and fairer funding for boroughs such as Havering—and hopefully a referendum, so that we can go back to being fully part of Essex?

**Ian Liddell-Grainger (Official report, col. 871)**

Thank you, Mr Speaker; it is good to see you in the Chair. May we have a debate on rogue councils? Mid Devon District Council, which I have talked about many times, has now threatened its former leaders—other parties as well—with legal action for disputing what has gone on with the 3 Rivers development. There has been a lack of scrutiny and a lack of accountability. This is millions of pounds, not thousands. The chair of scrutiny, believe it or not, had a party on public funds—the chief exec is up to his neck in this—and the leader of the council, who, as we know, packs perfume for a living, is unprepared to do the work that a council leader should do, regardless of persuasion. Can we please have a debate in Government time about councils' responsibility for dealing with situations that have gone wrong and not suing their former colleagues who are trying to do their job?

**Andy Carter (Official report, col 877)**

Homeowners on two recently built housing developments in my constituency were promised a GP surgery. The development at Appleton Cross has been completely finished and the section 106 money paid across, but there is no GP surgery. That is putting extreme pressure on the existing facilities that are provided elsewhere in Warrington South. May I ask the Leader of the House for a debate in Government time to look at how we can ensure that, when planning permission is agreed and the infrastructure that is needed to go with it is agreed, the local authority responsible for approving that planning permission ensures that the GP surgeries are delivered as required?

I wish to draw these questions to your attention for you to take note. I would be grateful if you could contact Members if you feel there is further detail you can provide than I was able to give in the Chamber.

I am copying this letter to Andrew Rosindell, Ian Liddell-Grainger and Andy Carter.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James ...', with a large, stylized initial 'J' and a large 'O' in the middle.