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17 July 2013

Dear Mr Norton

I am writing to express my deepest concern regarding the statement appearing on the front cover of a brochure from Bloor Homes and Christ Church entitled 'Carterton East: Sustainable urban extension' which clearly states:-

'WODC's members and officers have consistently supported an allocation for housing in Carterton East'

It is my understanding that whilst the Planners have shortlisted Carterton East for possible development the decision will only be taken by Councillors following the results of the SHMA, submission of the final recommendations of the Planners and, hopefully, lengthy discussions by Cabinet and Full Council

Councillors I have approached, and to whom I have presented evidence opposing Carterton East, have made it clear they will not express their views at this stage as it would prejudice their right to vote later. I totally understand their position.

So who are these members and officers who consistently support an allocation of housing in Carterton East? Surely the Freedom of Information Act will provide access to their names.

Local feeling that Carterton East was a 'done deal' prompted me to write to David Cameron who, whilst not wishing to become directly involved, had received an assurance from you that 'no decision had been taken either formally or informally.'

I was happy to accept your word and the word of the Prime Minister that the matter was being dealt with in accordance with normal procedure – and I still believe this to be the case – but the above statement by Bloor Homes has once again raised the ugly spectre of the 'done deal.'

I therefore believe you, as Leader of West Oxfordshire District Council, should issue a statement refuting the claims of Bloor Homes and Christ Church regarding 'WODC's members and officers consistently supporting an allocation for housing in Carterton East' and furthermore, forfeit the rights of Bloor Homes and Christ Church to proceed further with their planning application.

I await your comments with great interest.

Yours sincerely

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30 July 2013

Dear Mr Beckingham

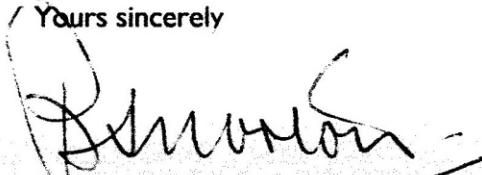
Thank you for your letter of 17 July 2013 in which you express concern about the content of a promotional brochure published by Bloor Homes and Christ Church.

The Council has no input to this and has no control over the content of promotional material of this nature and it should be viewed in that context.

I can only assume the particular extract you quote is intended to reference the fact that the draft Local Plan which was approved for consultation purposes last year included Carterton East as a proposal. However, no final decisions have been made on the content of the Plan and you correctly summarise the process which we have yet to go through before reaching a conclusion.

I am happy to reiterate the assurance personally given that no decision has been taken either formally or informally and trust this response will alleviate your concerns.

Yours sincerely


BARRY NORTON
Leader of the Council