



PAUL HOLMES MP
Member of Parliament for Eastleigh

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Nick Tustian
Chief Executive, Eastleigh Borough Council

16 April 2021

Dear Keith,

I am writing to you for clarification on the Council's current policy in relation to further development and housebuilding on Allington Lane. I have written this as an open letter in view of the growing public interest and concern about this matter.

As you will be aware, many of my constituents were alarmed that signage for a place called 'Allington' was recently installed on Allington Lane. This signage was located in two places at the entrance to Eastleigh Borough Council's development of 2,500 houses at One Horton Heath.

This apparent mistake is currently being rectified although I note that smaller road signs with 'Allington' marked on them have also been installed recently. Many residents are concerned that this indicates Eastleigh Borough Council are taking forward plans for a new development to the west of Allington Lane for up to 3,350 houses.

These are legitimate fears considering the evidence, which includes:

- Eastleigh Borough Council's landholdings at Brookfield Farm, off Allington Lane.
- The new access road that has been created at the site entrance to Brookfield Farm.
- The consideration of this site as 'Strategic Growth Option D', which was assessed as part of the Local Plan and previous plans for 'Allington town'.
- The removal of the Council's preferred Strategic Growth Option (B/C) after the Planning Inspector concluded that the assessment and selection process was flawed.

This proposal for 3,350 houses to the west of Allington Lane would be added to the 2,500 houses proposed at One Horton Heath to the east of Allington Lane. This would create an enormous development of nearly 6,000 new houses that would see more of our precious green fields built on and put more traffic in an already heavily congested area.

The effect of both developments is clear, this would establish an Allington town. In light of these very real concerns and public anxiety about this issue, I ask that you publicly confirm that there are no plans to develop the land at Brookfield Farm off Allington Lane either *now* or in the *future*.



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You have already chosen to delay the update to the Local Plan until after the local elections in May for political reasons. However, there is no reason why a clear statement on 'Allington town' cannot be provided ahead of the local elections if there are no plans for this site.

Failure to provide this assurance will result in local communities concluding that there is a plan being developed behind closed doors.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paul Holmes". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal underline underneath the name.

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