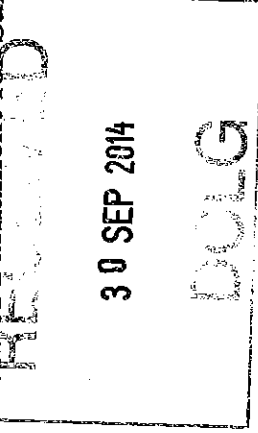


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Minister	
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Dear Brandon,

Subject: **UTTLESFORD DISTRICT COUNCIL DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

* This is just to remind you that I handed to you some copy emails in the Lobby on 9th September relating to the calling-in of two substantial planning applications within Uttlesford.

This is causing some concern, because the Fairfield proposal at Eisenham forms a substantial part of the Local Plan whilst the Land Securities proposal at Little Easton does not. There has been much blood on the carpet (Conservative blood) during the processes leading to the formulation of the Local Plan. I know that a proper distance has to be kept between planning and politics, but I would be failing in my duty if I did not alert you to the political risk attending this matter. Whilst the Land Securities proposal at Little Easton is for 600-700 houses, there would be land available for many hundreds more. This after all is the site which was initially proposed by Uttlesford District Council in 1991 when having to find a location for 2500 airport-related houses in the wake of the Stansted Airport Inquiry. When this proposal was put to one of your departmental inspectors, it was dismissed in favour of a dispersal strategy. You may imagine therefore why Uttlesford District Council on this occasion chose not to look in the direction of Little Easton to meet its current housing needs.

I cannot understand why the Department is potentially upsetting the applecart by the calling in of these two proposals. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours ever,

AS BL

This is a cheque to copy emails handed to BL on 9th SEPT. No record of these on our system.