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Dear Tim,

Judicial Review – Serco Accommodation at Beaconside

Following our conversation earlier today, I thought that I would write to re-iterate my position regarding a judicial review on the Beaconside decision.

I am deeply disappointed by the decision of the planning inspector. This site is wholly inappropriate, right next to a primary and secondary school, the health faculty of Staffordshire University's Stafford campus and opposite Staffordshire Police HQ and a large housing estate. I have made this point and others at all levels of Government.

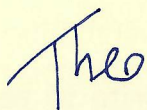
The Planning Committee of Stafford Borough Council back in July last year raised concerns around the sheer volume of people being housed in such a concentrated area, with a shortage of support services locally and the additional pressure that this concentration and massing of people would have on already stretched services, particularly the health service, education, police, and other support services. The site itself has a variety of housing estates and schools in close proximity, which does not make for an ideal location, when so many people are massed at close confinement.

Having spoken to local residents to hear the strength of their opinion on this issue, I believe the best move for the Stafford community is to launch a judicial review against this decision. I realise that this decision would have to be taken by the Borough Council.

I believe that such a move would have a chance of success, but in any case, it would delay the use of this facility and allow extra time to continue to make the case to Government that such a facility is completely inappropriate and would leave open the chance that the Government could change their plans.

I hope that the Council will decide to mount a challenge and would urge you to do so.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Theo". The letters are cursive and connected.

Theo Clarke MP

c.c. Cllr. Aiden Godfrey