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Re: Rushden Lakes

I was fortunate enough to be a guest in the Houses of Parliament this afternoon, where, as an additional treat I was able to attend the public gallery during the debate at about 3.00pm

I was able to witness your statement/question below, as taken from Hansard:

"I have good news for the Minister: another 2,000 are coming off jobseeker's allowance because of a new development in my constituency—well, between my constituency and the Corby constituency. It is supported by Wellingborough Council, East Northamptonshire District Council, Higham Ferrers Council and Rushden Council—all Tory councils—but it is opposed by Labour Corby Council. Can the Minister explain that?"

Now you will, of course, be well aware that this proposed development is not only opposed by the "Labour Corby Council", but also the following surrounding MP's and authorities:

Kettering Borough Council (Conservative)
Corby MP – Louise Mensch (Conservative)
Kettering MP – Philip Hollobone (Conservative)
Northampton Council (Conservative)

This is in addition to Bedford Council, a number of major commercial investors, land owners, trade bodies and Chambers of Commerce. For your further convenience I attached a joint representation to Eric Pickles MP by some of the above to have this development called in.

I would like to think that there was no intention to deliberately mislead Parliament through omission and would therefore like to invite you to make a factually correct statement as you clearly "mis-spoke".


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This should clearly address the fact that the majority of councils in north Northamptonshire are against this scheme and as such so are the majority of the population as represented by Conservative elected members on a local and national level.

Given this factual position, I would also welcome you in joining the majority of your elected colleagues in calling for this unsustainable and out of scale development being called in by the Secretary of State.

Yours sincerely,



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