

Dear Nigel and Carol,

Thank you for your email.

Please find the responses below. (highlighted in red)

If I had the honour and privilege of serving my fellow residents I would love to meet up with you all and explore the ways I could help on this important issue as your MP.

Kind regards.

Anawar

1. Do you agree that a Green Belt Policy is necessary to prevent urban sprawl and that the Home Counties in particular are in special need of protection against the expansionary pressures from London?

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2. Do you support the National Planning Policy Framework which permits development within the Green Belt only in “very special circumstances” and alteration of Green Belt boundaries only in “exceptional circumstances”?

**Absolutely**

3. Do you agree that it is wrong for Local Authorities to set housing targets in the Local Plan without also providing for a proper increase in the supporting infrastructure?

**Absolutely. This is very important as it affects all residents and future ones too.**

4. Do you agree that WHBC should not be pressurised by Central Government policies to agree to inflated housing and development targets in the Local Plan if these cannot be met without building in the Green Belt?

**This is where an MP's intervention becomes vital because he or she is the conduit between those two bodies and unless the correct dialogue is not voiced it can aggravate circumstances.**

5. Do you agree that the housing target of 12,024 chosen by WHBC in its Local Plan is too high for the area, reflects pressures from Central Government and is driven by “London” rather than “local” needs?

**In the present state that the area is in, such targets are unrealistic and not viable. I'm quite saddened that promises previously made in relation to this have not been followed through.**

6. If elected will you:

- Press for the immediate review of the methodology being used to calculate housing targets (the OAN) promised in the recent Housing White Paper?

Yes I

**This is something that the White Paper has promised, should be done and followed up.**

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- **Positively seek to work with other Hertfordshire MPs to stop development expansion in the County at the expense of the Green Belt?**

**I would work with all other Hertfordshire MPs to ensure that stakeholders concerns are taken on board and our beautiful Green Belt is preserved wherever possible.**