## Robert Courts MP Member of Parliament for Witney



## HOUSE OF COMMONS

Persimmon @ Windrush Place Townsend Road Witney Oxfordshire OX29 7AR

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Dear Team,

I write to you today regarding the development at Windrush Place on behalf of a number of residents who have contacted myself and Cllr Ashby to raise their concerns.

As part of your section 106 agreement with the local authority, it was stipulated that after surpassing the threshold of two-hundred homes, the consortium would ensure the construction of several amenities ranging from a local school to shops. While the school and some amenities have now been completed, residents of Windrush Place remain deeply concerned at the lack of progress on a number of infrastructure works put forward in your section 106 agreement.

Currently, the plans for the sports pavilion, shops and an additional seventy-four homes remain on the West Oxfordshire District Council (WODC) planning portal and progress have seemingly stalled.

The site close to the children's playground at Windrush Place, to this day, advertises the construction of local shopping facilities, as does the website for the development. As I am sure you can imagine, residents feel deeply let down and misled, as the infrastructure and facilities promised to them when purchasing a home at Windrush Place have not yet materialised.

These sentiments are exacerbated by the fact that local residents feel as though you have made little effort to communicate with them on your failure to deliver on your obligations. While your construction deadlines have passed and residents have lived in Windrush Place for some years now, there has been no communication as to why the infrastructure promised to them has not been delivered.

Both myself, the local Councillors and the residents of Windrush Place are troubled at your apparent failure to adhere to the construction deadlines for this infrastructure set forth in your proposal. While I can of course appreciate that the COVID pandemic will have of course impacted these dates, there has seemingly been no progress whatsoever in delivering your obligations since then. I therefore ask for an updated timeline on constructing these amenities, for the benefit of residents.

I would also be grateful if you could arrange a meeting with Persimmons and the rest of the consortium involved in Windrush Place, so that Cllr Ashby and I can discuss in full the impact this is having on residents, and what action can be taken to rectify it as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your response and I trust that you share in my desire to find a resolution to this matter for the benefit of Windrush Residents.

Best wishes,

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