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For the attention of Sir William Worsley
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Dear Sir William

After HRH Prince Charles and the Prime Minister Boris Johnson visited the devastating flooding in Fishlake and Stainforth South Yorkshire November 2019 the Prim minister announced more support for communities affected by flooding following a meeting of the Government's emergency cobra committee.

Do you still support the following government statements?

(A) Published 23rd January 2020 Government Press Release:

"Environment Bodies set joint vision to tackle climate change. Environment Agency, **Forestry Commission**, and Natural England outline a shared vision to use up-stream nature-based solutions to tackle the climate emergency."

(B) In this <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bbYXEDczL-U> Sophie Ridge interview George Eustace explains the government's response to UK floods. An extra £4 Billion is to be spent on flood defences. In Yorkshire, up stream nature based solutions are to be supported.

(C) Published 6 August 2020: Announced by Robert Jenrick MP the Secretary of State for Housing:

"Valued green spaces protected for future generations, with more building on Brownfield land."

Prior to the public inquiry regarding Appeal Ref: APP/J4423/W/20/3258555 Land of Moorthorpe Way, Sheffield S20 6PD I requested on 26th May 2020 that George Eustace MP Secretary of State for the Environment "call in" the application. My request was in line with government directive which states that applications have to be made before the local planning Authority makes its decision. The decision to refuse the planning application by Sheffield City Council Planning & Highways Committee took place 2nd June 2020 therefore my application was submitted in time.

I personally think that flooding should take precedence over House Building but civil servants in Sheffield (LPA), The Planning Inspectorate and MP Robert Jenerick's departments seem to think otherwise. They totally ignore elected Councillors decisions and Government legislation and directive.

I have made a formal complaint to the Preliminary Ombudsman regarding public enquiry: <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/ParliamentaryOmbudsman.pdf> evidence I supplied to the enquiry EO-01 to EO-21 can be viewed hear: <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/publicinquiry.htm>

Under the freedom of information ACT 2000 I wonder if you could supply the following information.

1. Do you agree with this statement? Published 6 August 2020 : Announced by Robert Jenrick MP the Secretary of State for Housing: **“Valued green spaces protected for future generations, with more building on Brownfield land.”** I ask this question because I took part in a public enquiry regarding building upstream in ecological owlthorpe, at the public inquiry I suggested to the inspector that Avant Homes move their project from our oasis to the old Aerodrome at Norton. The Aerodrome is a Brownfield site by definition boasting many derelict buildings in need of redevelopment. Do you agree with me that Sheffield (LPA) and Avant Homes and the inspector are blatantly ignoring Government policy?
2. Do you support the press release published 18th November 2020 by “Prime Minister Boris Johnson, outlines his Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution for 250,000 jobs. **(9) Nature: Protecting and restoring our natural environment, planting 30,000 hectares of trees every year, whilst creating and retaining thousands of jobs?**
3. Sheffield City Council alongside local MP Clive Betts look to develop a green corridor in the Beighton ward: <https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/Ochredykegreencorridor.pdf> do you agree with me that Sheffield City Council plans to plant saplings downstream in Waterthorp, standing at 178ft above sea level, and destroying trees upstream in Owlthorpe (Plot E) standing 312ft above sea level, will do nothing to support Environment Agency, **Forestry Commission**, and Natural England shared vision to use up-stream nature-based solutions to tackle the climate emergency?
4. **Please view what Professor Ian Rotherham has to say regarding building in Owlthorpe Sheffield:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NU28ZUxBEK8>

I look forward to your response

Kind Regards

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