

I am concerned about misleading information supplied to Government ministers and staff in Planning Casework Unit.

In reply to information supplied by Matt Dunkley Roberts Dated 27th July 2021 the redacted correspondences is dated: 1st December 2020 but to date I have had no official response to requests made by myself to George Eustace in his capacity as Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs.

My response: The first entrance in this document states:

[https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/3258555%20email%20PCU%20redacted%20\(10\).pdf](https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/3258555%20email%20PCU%20redacted%20(10).pdf)

“Thanks for this, I’ve reviewed and I agree this doesn’t need to be recovered. It’s a very small development, and the MP isn’t requesting recovery.”

This statement is misleading because the 74 dwellings proposed for plot E are part of a larger development to build 500 homes in owlthorpe. The original application made by Avant Homes was turned down by Sheffield City Council. As reported in: <https://www.examinerlive.co.uk/news/local-news/sheffield-council-reject-plans-turn-18353154>

A "wildlife haven" in Sheffield has been [saved from developers](#), after [Sheffield](#) City Council Planning Committee voted against plans to build new houses in the area. Avant Homes had applied for full planning permission to build 500 homes in Owlthorpe.

I have grave concerns that the LPA’s refusal reasons regarding the Planning and Highways Committee Meeting 2nd June 2020 do not truly reflect the meeting. For example:

The planning Solicitor, Kate, explained procedure and vote was taken with many of the committee sitting traffic impact as the reason for rejecting this application. The result was 10 against with 2 abstentions. After the vote was taken Colin Walker Interim Head said **“I think there is a significant risk if you throw Highways impact into this as a reason for refusal and that risk is that you effectively neutralise the site in residential terms.”**

My review of the planning meeting:

<https://www.ecological-owlthorpe.org/EO-18ReviewofPlanningMeeting.pdf>

Video copies of the meeting can be made is available for review.

- Date: 30 November 2020 To: HOLLY.DUTTON@planninginspectorate.gov.uk

Dear Holly Dutton, I have requested from George Eustace in his capacity as Secretary of State for the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, that the application made by Avant homes be called in for his determination on two previous occasions. I have had the acknowledgments of my emails but no reply with regard to the substance. Copies are pasted in this email. I have also contacted other government bodies. The problem seems to be that they want to refer me back to my local MP and planning department. The planning department are adamant about building in Owlthorpe and so it seems is MP Clive Betts. Thank you for your attention

- Date: 26 May 2020 made first request to George Eustace MP Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. I am writing to you because a Planning Application on Owlthorpe Fields is to be determined at the Sheffield City Council Planning Committee Meeting on Tuesday 2nd June. I formally request that you review this application with a view to calling it in. <https://planningapps.sheffield.gov.uk/online-applications/> reference number 19/03143/FUL.
- Date: 19th October 2020 made second request to George Eustace MP Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to have application called in.