

PMQ's 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Martin VickersMP; My constituents in rural villages and on the fringes of the Grimsby-Cleethorpes urban area are very concerned about over-development.

They recognise that the highway infrastructure and public services are already overloaded.

Could my right honourable friend consider amending planning guidance so that local plans and decisions taken by local planning authorities are not overridden by planning inspectors and they'd be greatly encouraged if you would agree to meet with me and my colleagues from the neighbouring Gainsborough and Grimsby constituencies to discuss this further.

PM; My honourable friend is right that sustainable development must be at the heart of the planning system and that's why we're committed to meeting the needs of housing by building the right homes in the right places and protecting the environmental assets that matter most.

The National Planning Policy Framework is clearly to be responsive to local circumstances.

I know that the relevant local plan, in my honourable friend's area, is due for further consultation later this year and that he'll engage with that process, but I'll happily meet with him and colleagues to discuss his situation further.