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By email

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Dear Home Secretary

Asylum Accommodation Proposals – Linton-on-Ouse, North Yorkshire

I refer to my letter of the 28th April 2022 (a copy of which I enclose), conveying my concerns and those of the affected communities in respect of the Asylum Accommodation Proposals at the former RAF Linton-on-Ouse. I would like to thank your officials for the acknowledgement of my letter and I am pleased to note that my concerns are being considered by your team.

Residents of Linton-on-Ouse and the neighbouring villages continue to make vigorous and heartfelt representations expressing concern both to myself and also, I know, to other local elected representatives.

You will appreciate that it is my role as the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire and York to ensure that the community is heard and their concerns are addressed - and that people are safe and feel safe in their local community.

My particular focus remains community safety – and I would ask for your urgent consideration of the matters set out in my earlier letter, with particular regard to the demand and resourcing implications for North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service, should the proposals go ahead.

I am keen to provide an update to the public, including on our correspondence – particularly in the light of the increasing number of requests for me to publish my letter to you. Plainly I did not feel it appropriate to do so until I received a response – but I feel confident that providing such a comprehensive update will go some way to allay the concerns now being raised with increasing intensity.

With all of those matters in mind, I look forward to hearing from you at the earliest possible opportunity.

As ever, I would of course be delighted to meet with you to discuss these issues further.

Yours sincerely

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