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Dear Sir Albert,

You will be aware of the intense annoyance and anger in Sutton Coldfield about the prospect of the massive despoliation of our Green Belt land. As you will know I am very much opposed to this proposal as Royal Sutton's Member of Parliament. I fully recognise the need to build more homes, but they must be built in the right places.

You will be aware that I have already proposed that there should be an eight to ten year moratorium on any building on the Green Belt until we have a better idea of the inward migration figures and the housing need. This would give us breathing space and a chance to think carefully - reaching better decisions on the basis of greater knowledge.

I now have a further proposal which I believe would help. I invite you to consider commissioning an independent report into the availability of all Brownfield land in Birmingham. Such an audit would not only ensure that there is a full and accurate database, but would also allow us to consider carefully, with advice from relevant experts, whether the most creative minds have fully considered how best to build suitable housing to make maximum use of brownfield land in order to provide the sustainable communities of the future.

With kind regards,
Yours ever,
Andrew

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