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## CALL FOR PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY INTO HOMES ENGLAND'S £3BN IFIELD LAND DEAL (2019)

Dear John Milne MP

I am writing to formally request that you initiate, or call for, an immediate parliamentary inquiry into Homes England's [REDACTED] land deal announced in 2019 involving land at the Golf Club of Ifield Parish, as reported by [Estates Gazette on 29 July 2019 \("Homes England plans £3bn Crawley garden village"\)](#).

Recent developments — including Homes England's decision to close the Golf Club and pursue a speculative "phase one" planning application — raise serious questions about:

- whether this scheme has been developer-led rather than plan-led from the outset;
- whether public land assets have been committed on the basis of commercial strategy rather than democratic consent;
- and whether the current application represents the implementation of a pre-determined land deal, rather than a lawful response to an adopted Local Plan.

This is now compounded by formal objections from both Gatwick Airport Ltd and Crawley Borough Council, which go directly to matters of safety, infrastructure, and strategic planning. Proceeding regardless calls into question not only the rationality, but potentially the lawfulness, of the West of Ifield masterplan.

Given Homes England's status as a government housing agency and steward of public assets, this matter clearly warrants independent scrutiny — whether through Parliament, the National Audit Office, or a relevant Select Committee.

I therefore urge you, as Horham's MP, to take a clear and active role in seeking transparency and accountability over how, why, and on what authority this [REDACTED] land strategy was conceived and is now being executed.

I would appreciate acknowledgement of this email and a clear indication of the steps you are prepared to take.

Yours sincerely,

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