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Dear Mr Reed

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Thank you for your correspondence of 14 June about a planning decision taken by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

You have asked a number of questions about the basis on which the Secretary of State made this decision, the contact the Secretary of State had with the developer of the site and the subsequent actions the Secretary of State has taken to explain this situation.

The Secretary of State responded to questions on this matter in the House on 15 June. Further details can be found in Hansard here: https://hansard.parliament.uk/commons/2020-06-15/debates/FA8B1886-CDC0-44A2-AC6D-5FF361B1620D/TopicalQuestions

The Secretary of State has today written to the Housing, Communities and Local Government Select Committee stating that he has set out a full and factual account. I understand that he has also published a number of documents in support of this account.

In light of this account, the Prime Minister considers that the matter is closed.

Yours sincerely,

MARK SEDWILL