



17<sup>th</sup> August 2023

The Rt Hon Ms Nadine Dorries MP  
House of Commons  
Westminster  
London  
SW1A 0AA

Dear Ms Dorries

**Re: No Representation for Mid Bedfordshire**

I have been asked to write to you in support of Flitwick Town Council's letter of 26<sup>th</sup> July. The Parish Council echo the concerns and frustrations of our neighbouring parishes within Mid-Bedfordshire.

Barton-le-Clay Parish Council is non-political and tries to represent the requirements of its residents. As our MP, you have not held a surgery in the Village for several years to understand the issues facing residents and, as a result, the community feels forgotten about.

Over the past few years, the Village has lost its Bank and will shortly be losing its Post Office Service. There have also been changes to the public transport service which have impacted residents. Whilst your support team have intervened in some of these matters, it is disappointing that the changes have still gone ahead.

Two large developments to the North and East of the Village have been proposed which will impact the greenbelt land surrounding the Village. Whilst the loss of greenbelt land East of Barton-le-Clay was approved by Central Bedfordshire Council in their Local Plan, adopted in 2021, the proposed large-scale development on the land between Wrest Park, Silsoe and Barton-le-Clay is a speculative venture. Residents would have liked to receive your support in fighting this type of application when considering changes to the planning process in Parliament.

The Parish Council feel that the Village is very under-represented by you as our MP and would like to see you either return to working for your constituents in Mid Bedfordshire, or step aside, as you said you would do in June, to allow voters to elect a new MP to provide effective representation both locally and in Parliament.

Yours sincerely

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Carolyn Callen  
Clerk to Barton-le-Clay Parish Council

cc. The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (Chief Whip)  
cc. Cllr Blake Stephenson, Chairman of the Mid-Bedfordshire Conservative Association