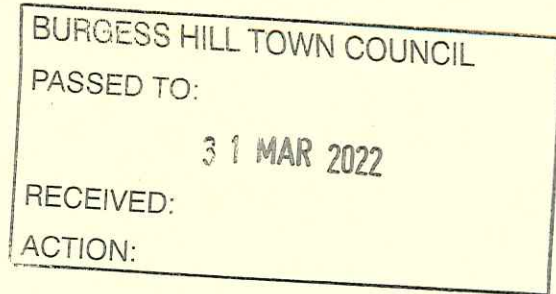


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29<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Mr Cridland

Thank you for sharing a copy of your letter to the Prime Minister of the 10<sup>th</sup> March.

It is vital we all take every opportunity to protect our environment and sustainability. I have written recently to the Secretary of State for DLUHC, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, calling for changes to future Planning Legislation for housing targets to be reset in consideration of the Mid Sussex environmental and infrastructure constraints. This can be read here:  
<https://www.mimsdavies.org.uk/news/my-reaction-pause-new-district-plan-what-we-need-do-next>.

Further to my letter, I am also imminently meeting with the Planning Minister to further discuss my approach and highlight the concerns both I and constituents have regarding the current housing numbers expected for the area, the importance of infrastructure first, protecting our green gaps and precious environment. I will also be focusing on the need for greater emphasis on developers to ensure they are making the right choices when they build homes and that they use the new technologies available meaning they are environmentally friendly and sustainable for our future needs, not only of Mid Sussex constituents, but those whose chose to relocate to our wonderful communities.

In addition, I am delighted to share with you key updated net zero initiatives announced by the Chancellor, Rt Hon Rishi Sunak MP, last week in his 'Spring Statemen' regarding scrapping VAT energy saving materials for homeowners. The Chancellor has reduced the VAT on energy saving materials such as solar panels, heating pumps and roof insulation from 5% to zero for five years, helping families become more energy efficient. I think this clearly shows the Government commitment and I greatly welcome this and the direct support for jobs and our environment it gives.

Again, I thank you for sharing your letter to the Prime Minister with me.

Yours ever  
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