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SENT BY EMAIL

Dear Baroness Taylor,

Re: Private management of open spaces and infrastructure on new housing estates

I hope you are well.

It was a pleasure to see you again at the DCN's 50th anniversary event in November at Portcullis House. I was glad to have the chance to briefly discuss the work that we've been doing at Rushcliffe Borough Council in respect of the management of open spaces on new housing estates. I would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss this further, as you suggested.

As we discussed, this is an area we have been doing a considerable amount of work on in recent months, including the development of a Good Practice Guide, which establishes our expectations of the service Rushcliffe residents will receive from developers and management companies in any arrangements for the maintenance of public open spaces.

We are committed to exploring where the Council can play a greater role in improving management company practices and achieving better outcomes for our residents. However, it is clear that Government have a significant role to play in establishing much clearer consumer protections and introducing regulation of management companies.

I look forward to hearing from you and to meeting again in person before too long.

Best wishes,



Cllr Neil Clarke
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