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The Rt Hon Tobias Ellwood MP
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Dear Tobias,

Chetwynd Barracks

I am writing with regard to the delay in the sale of Chetwynd Barracks, as announced in your statement to the House of Commons on the 28th February.

The original scheme would have seen the land being sold in 2021 to provide up to 1200 much needed homes. As you will remember from our meeting in 2017, the Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum has drawn up a set of exciting plans for the area, which is why we are very keen to expedite the sale of this land. These plans will be greatly impacted by the delay.

I am also particularly concerned that the delay will cause the site to suffer from "planning blight" with a number of soldiers continuing to live in unacceptable pre-fab accommodation, which should have been demolished years ago.

I would be grateful for an urgent meeting with yourself, the DIO and Broxtowe Borough Council to discuss this matter further.

Yours ever,

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

CC. Cllr Richard Jackon, Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council
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Richard Hutchinson, Chair of the Neighbourhood Forum