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Dear Mr Stronach,

## **ELECTORAL REVIEW OF CORBY**

I write to you regarding the current review of Corby Borough Council.

As part of the preliminary stage of the review, officers at the Council were asked to provide five year electorate forecasts from the end of the review. We have been in liaison with your officers with regard to the electorate figures given for Weldon (within polling district CWGA) which on forecasts provided by Corby Borough Council show a significant increase from 1716 (current electorate) to 6053 (2018 electorate projection).

The Commission is particularly concerned about these figures as they are not consistent with figures provided during the recent review of Northamptonshire County Council. Electorate forecasts provided then show a lower increase for Weldon over five years from 1608 (2011 figures) to 3669 (2017 electorate projection). While we accept that the forecasts are likely to differ between 2017 and 2018, the scale of change is quite significant as there would be a virtual doubling of the forecasted electorate in only one year. I also note that following discussions with the Council, Weldon Park does not yet appear to have received planning permission. Even if planning permission had been granted, the number of units that are projected to be built would be unlikely to accommodate nearly 4,500 extra electors.

To ensure that the electoral arrangements for Corby are viable in the long term, I would welcome further justification for the large increase in Weldon over five years and information on the likely pattern and timing of future developments in the area. In its absence, we are unable to use the Weldon forecasts your Council provided for the

purposes of determining electoral arrangements and would be inclined to use the forecast provided for this polling district during the county review.

To take matters forward, my colleague, Richard Buck, will be in contact with you to arrange an urgent meeting with you and your officers.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Archie Gall', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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