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Dear James

Firstly, may I congratulate you on your re-election as Member of Parliament for South Suffolk after what I am sure was a gruelling campaign and your appointment as Shadow Secretary of State for Defence.

Let me take this opportunity to update you on the situation with the former Delphi site as it is clear you are not as well-informed as you could be. The Council is acutely aware of the significance of the site to the community, and we want to see its future resolved as soon as possible. We have worked hard to progress discussions with the owner and now the Council's Head of Economic Development meets with him, his recently appointed agent, and his architect/project manager every two weeks.

I briefed Sudbury Town Council last Wednesday and had a meeting with the owner and his advisers last Thursday. I emphasised to them how important it was to engage with the community and the project manager for the site will be doing just that in the weeks to come. The Council will continue to ensure the Town Council is kept informed of developments.

As regards the incidence of vandalism and anti-social behaviour at the site these are to be deplored but our Community Safety team, the Police, Fire Service, and the owner are working together to ensure the site is secured.

I am sure you will be happy to learn that in your words, "greater progress and constructive engagement is being crystallised." I will, of course, keep you informed of all significant developments and will arrange a meeting in due course but let me assure you that the Council is focused on working with all parties to ensure that this site will once again play a major role in the economy of Sudbury.

In the spirit of transparency which you adopted I am placing this letter on social media and releasing it to the local media.

Yours sincerely



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