

Planning for Wokingham

Today I am meeting the Secretary of State for Communities and local government in the Commons to put Wokingham's case for a slower rate of building. Last year the housebuilding rate shot up to more than twice the required amount under the local plan, with obvious strains on our road network and local communities living nearby.

I have two proposals to put to him. The first is Wokingham's large contribution to the national housebuilding effort should be reflected in decisions by Planning Inspectors,. They should not grant more permissions outside the agreed areas in the local plan.

The second is that Wokingham should have a lower build rate for the next local plan period.