



# Windsor Conservatives

The Rt Hon Suella Braverman KC MP  
Home Secretary  
Home Office  
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## **The failing partnership with local authorities supporting those seeking asylum**

Dear Home Secretary,

I am sure you will be very aware of the challenges presented by the continual and increasing flow of migrants across the English Channel. I urge you to ensure that the Home Office and Local Authorities work proactively together to find appropriate and sustainable solutions that work for both migrants and residents alike.

I was dismayed to find out with less than 36 hours notice that The Manor Hotel in Datchet, Berkshire, has been procured to provide around 100 contingency accommodation (CA) beds for those seeking asylum without any consultation with the local authority, residents, or any other public sector partners. Indeed, the first conversation with local authority officers only happened after the facility was operating as CA.

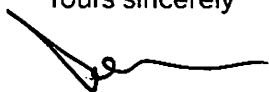
The Manor Hotel is in the centre of a village with almost no local support services for this cohort, restricted public transport, and full schools close to the Hotel. The residents are understandably concerned about the impact on their day-to-day lives and reasonably expect liaison from the Home Office and the Council. I share their view that they have been let down because of the lack of consultation ahead of time. I would ask that a senior representative of the Home Office attends a local meeting with residents to listen to their concerns and provide reassurance about the steps being taken by your contractor to ensure that the operation at The Manor Hotel is safe for Datchet residents.

Whilst I understand that there is a need to house those people who seek asylum in the UK. The residents and I do not feel that having such a facility in a small village is appropriate and

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sustainable to support those coming from far afield. Especially given the lack of local services to be able to support the individuals residing in the hotel.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lars Swann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lars Swann

Chairman

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