

Sent by email

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Dear Tim,

Thank you for the discussion about this at the end of last week and again yesterday. I fully support the representations you're making to reflect both the strategic and operational policing risks of the proposal to large numbers of asylum seekers at Linton-on-Ouse.

I am deeply concerned that North Yorkshire Police (NYP) may end up in the position of having to police a large, remote site with associated risks of escalated community tensions as well as a local community that usually would have minimal calls on NYP resources.

I am making separate representations to the Home Office, and it would be useful if I could seek some further information about the plans and the assurances you're seeking.

1. What additional resources NYP assess may be needed and what assurances from the Home Office have you received that these will be covered centrally?
2. What the impact on other areas of policing across the county may be? I'm particularly concerned about abstraction of officers, the geographical challenges already faced by a rural police force across York and North Yorkshire, overtime costs and our limited capacity from Police Support Units already deployed to meet existing risks across the county.
3. What the financial implications of 1 and 2 are and what assurances are being sought by NYP to ensure, if this goes ahead, this financial risk is not carried by local council tax payers? How can I support you in this (beyond the direct representations I am making separately)?
4. How would a site like this be monitored from a policing perspective to ensure everyone in the area is kept safe and the community given assurance? Is there anything I can do to support this?
5. If this site will not be a secure location, will NYP also undertake an assessment around the risks to road safety given the very limited public transport in this area and the lack of any public footpaths, even within the village itself?
6. What discussions are NYP aware the HO had with other emergency services about the infrastructure locally, including the roads and bridges so that emergency vehicles of all kinds would be able to attend the site in an emergency?

7. Has an assessment been made of known extremists who may live in the local area and what additional risk this may cause?

For wider awareness, there has been pressure for some time from the Mayor for this site to be included in a Mayoral Development Zone for much needed affordable housing in the county. We are making separate representations to the Ministry of Defence to ensure any contract for the use of this site to alleviate national pressures on the asylum system is strictly time limited so that wider economic growth proposals can continue to be developed.

I plan to enclose a copy of this email when I write to the Home Office. Thank you for your continued responsiveness and constructive engagement.

Best wishes,



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