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For the attention of Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP - Secretary of State for Housing,
Communities and Local Government

Dear Mr Brokenshire

No confidence vote in Amber Valley Borough Council as Local Planning Authority

At Crich Parish Council Meeting of 4th February 2019, the Council passed the following Resolution, and instructed me to request your intervention:

1959/19 **LAND AT WOODSIDE FARM, THE COMMON, CRICH**

Resolved: - Crich Parish Council has no confidence in Amber Valley Borough Council as Local Planning Authority, and considers Amber Valley Borough Council is no longer fit to carry out that role. Crich Parish Council requests the Secretary of State to investigate the failings of the Borough Council with a view to putting alternative arrangements in place.

Explanation for censure resolution – Amber Valley Borough Council continues to fail to provide a housing requirement figure for Crich Parish, and for all other Parish and Town Council areas within the Borough. The local community expended a great deal of effort in preparing a Neighbourhood Plan for Crich Parish. The Neighbourhood Plan was supported by 97% of voters in a large turnout at the referendum in the Autumn of 2018. Only a few weeks later the Planning Board of Amber Valley Borough Council resolved to accept the Officer's recommendation that delegated authority be given to the Executive Director (Operations) to grant planning permission, subject to certain conditions, for a major development (Planning Application reference AVA/2017/1363 land at Woodside Farm, The Common, Crich) that conflicts with the Neighbourhood Plan in several important respects. The report on which the decision is based omits important facts, is irrational, and is without proper reasoning. The National Planning Policy Framework is very clear that where a planning application

conflicts with a Neighbourhood Plan that has been brought into force, planning permission should not normally be granted.

Letter to be sent to the Secretary of State, Patrick McLoughlin MP, Nigel Mills MP, Sylvia Delahay Amber Valley Borough Council, Clerks of all Town and Parish Councils in Amber Valley.

Considerable supporting documentation can be provided in evidence upon request, including letters from Amber Valley Borough Council contradicting themselves and their decisions.

This is obviously a matter of deep concern to both the Parish Council and many local residents, which will be incredibly time sensitive once the S106 agreement has been signed. The Council would therefore be very grateful for prompt consideration of requested investigation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carolyn Jennings', written in a cursive style.

Carolyn Jennings
Parish Clerk

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