House of Commons - 5th November 2019

Open letter to Loachbrook Estate residents,

“Following a meeting at one of my constituency surgeries less than two weeks ago with a group of residents from the Loachbrook Estate, representing those who signed a petition of concern about outstanding works at the estate, I write to confirm that I am today presenting this petition in the House of Commons.

I visited the estate and saw the outstanding works for myself a few days ago as the photographs below show and therefore fully support residents in the need for these to be completed, particularly since I am aware of how long residents have been pressing for this – I myself wrote to Bovis about them in August.

I am attaching the wording of the petition as it will be presented in the House of Commons today and it should then appear online in Hansard which can be accessed at the following address - https://hansard.parliament.uk. Please be aware that there is a format for presenting petitions in Parliament which of necessity involves brevity.

I hope that my raising this issue in the House of Commons will ensure that Bovis now complete the works by the end of this year so that residents can enjoy life in their new homes without this outstanding inconvenience and concern.”

My petition presentation is as follows –

Petition presented in the House of Commons by Fiona Bruce, Member of Parliament for Congleton on behalf of residents of the Loachbrook Estate – 5th November 2019

Mr Speaker, I rise to present a Petition from residents of the Loachbrook Estate Somerford, Congleton.

The Petition asks for the completion of outstanding works to this estate by the developer Bovis Homes and is supported by more than 100 residents, representing well over a third of households on the estate.

I recently visited Loachbrook Estate to see these outstanding works and therefore fully support my constituents particularly since residents have been pressing for their completion for some time and are concerned that some may be dangerous particularly to children.

Mr Speaker this is not the only estate in my constituency where works have been left incomplete for too long after the sale of homes near them; this is unacceptable and I hope this petition serves to highlight local concerns about this issue more widely.

The Petition of residents of Congleton

Declares that the Petitioners call for the completion of outstanding landscaping, drainage, fencing, footpath and clearance works to the Loachbrook Estate.

The Petitioners therefore request that the House of Commons urges Bovis Homes to complete these works by the end of this year.

And the Petitioners remain etc

Fiona Bruce MP