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Dear Minister,

I am writing in regards to a planning application in my constituency, the details of which are as follows:

- Site Address: 55 Vastern Road, Reading, RG1 8BU
- Description of development: Demolition of existing structures and erection of a series of buildings ranging in height from 1 to 11 storeys, including residential dwellings (C3 use class) and retail floorspace (A3 use class), together with a new north-south pedestrian link, connecting Christchurch Bridge to Vastern Road
- Application reference: 200188
- Appellant's name: Berkeley Homes
- Appeal reference: APP/E0345/W/21/3276463
- Appeal start date: 25 June 2021

I have been informed by the council that an appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Reading Borough Council to Refuse Planning Permission. The appeal will be determined on the basis of an inquiry.

There have been a number of concerns raised about the development, from both residents and Reading Borough Council. An example of such concerns comes from a resident:

'I want to express my support for RBC's rejection of the Vastern Road planning application, which I believe is too large for such a central recreational riverbank location. I suggest it needs scaling back significantly to conform with my understanding of the council's outline plans for the area.'

Whilst I cannot take on a formal role in the planning process, I have a duty to pass on the concerns my constituents have and make representations on their behalf. I would be grateful if I could be kept informed of any progress of this appeal.

Yours sincerely,

Matt Rodda MP  
Member of Parliament for Reading East