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Member of Parliament for South Suffolk

Cllr Deborah Saw - Leader
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Dear Deborah,

RE: MEETING REQUEST - FUTURE OF THE DELPHI SITE

Following my recent re-election as Member of Parliament for South Suffolk, I would be grateful for an early opportunity to meet with your Economic Development team to discuss the future of the Delphi site in Sudbury. During the election, a number of Sudbury residents raised with me their concerns about the recent fire at Delphi, which they felt seemed to embody the lack of progress at the site. As such, I would be grateful if this meeting could also include attendance by stakeholders from the fire and police services, so that we can discuss the anti-social behaviour and other such matters.

You may be aware that I previously chaired the South Suffolk Taskforce, set up specifically to look at the future of the site – following Delphi's original decision to sell up. We were successful in securing genuine, credible interest in the site (from a car manufacturer) but, regrettably, Delphi did not take advantage of this opportunity and the site was instead sold to the current owner. This was particularly disappointing given how the taskforce helped to secure the purchase of the former Philips Avent factory in Glemsford, which as a result is now a revitalised industrial concern manufacturing high quality chocolate.

Whilst the current owner has not been forthcoming when I have previously attempted to engage with him on his plans for the site, given renewed interest from the local community following the fire, I hope that a meeting of all relevant stakeholders – including yourselves as the planning authority – can crystallise greater progress and more constructive engagement.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

James Cartlidge MP
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