



Ministry
of Justice

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Director

Cllr Kim Moloney
Chair, Grendon Underwood Parish Council

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Dear Councillor Moloney,

The New Prisons Programme and proposals for a potential new prison in Buckinghamshire

As you may know, in June 2020 the Ministry of Justice announced plans for four new prisons to be built across England over the next six years which will partly deliver on the Government's commitment to create an additional 18,000 prison places and help support local economies and create new jobs.

Having reviewed a number of sites across the country, we believe that land next to HMP Grendon / Springhill in Buckinghamshire would be an appropriate location for one these new prisons. Before we progress with these proposals, we want to meet with you as the local Parish Council to ensure your views are considered and to share with you the benefits that a potential new prison will bring to Buckinghamshire, such as: creating new and local employment opportunities; offering apprenticeships; upskilling people in construction; and spending locally and with social enterprises.

In addition to seeking a meeting you with you to discuss the proposals, we are about to begin a round of wider pre-application community consultation which is to ensure all local views are received and considered, and is an approach that matches government guidance that early, positive and effective community engagement results in the best planning proposals.

Local residents will be able to view our proposals and comment via an online feedback form which, for your information, can be found at the website addresses below:

Details of our proposals

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/potential-new-prison-in-buckinghamshire-public-consultation>

Further information and feedback mechanism

- <https://consult.justice.gov.uk/digital-communications/potential-new-prison-in-buckinghamshire>

Local residents can also email their views to us directly at PSDenquiries@justice.gov.uk. The deadline for community comments is Thursday 24 December 2020.

Next steps

No final decision has been taken on whether to formally progress these proposals, and no planning application has yet been submitted to Buckinghamshire County Council. This exercise is an opportunity for the Ministry of Justice to hear your views and receive feedback from local residents, businesses and public services before any formal decisions are taken.

We do hope you are able to meet with either myself or Robin Seaton (Programme Director) and the team in the coming weeks on these important emerging proposals. Michael Stanworth from Lexington Communications will follow up this email and letter regarding a specific time and date to meet.

Yours sincerely,

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