



# Flitwick Town Council

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By email

The Rt Hon Ms Nadine Dorries MP  
House of Commons  
London  
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Dear Ms Dorries,

## **Re: Action Required - No Representation for Mid Bedfordshire**

Following a discussion at the recent meeting of Flitwick Town Council on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, I have been asked to write to you formally to raise the Council's concerns and frustration at the continuing lack of representation for the people of Mid-Bedfordshire at Westminster.

You had previously announced your intention to stand down as an MP at the next election but then announced that you were standing down as an MP with immediate effect on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2023. Since then, you have not resigned.

The last time you spoke in the Commons was 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022. You have not maintained a constituency office for a considerable time, and it's widely understood that you have not held a surgery in Flitwick since March 2020.

Rather than representing constituents, the Council is concerned that your focus appears to have been firmly on your television show, upcoming book and political manoeuvres to embarrass the Government for not appointing you to the House of Lords. Councillors noted that your behaviour widely reported in the press is not in line with the Seven Principles of Public Life set out by Lord Nolan in 1995.

With an estimated population of 13,800 people, Flitwick represents the largest concentration of voters in the Mid Bedfordshire constituency. Flitwick Town Council has a long history of operating on a non-political basis, with a strong ethos that our Council must represent the views and needs of residents regardless of party politics.

Our residents desperately need effective representation now, and Flitwick Town Council calls on you to immediately vacate your seat to allow a by-election.

Yours sincerely

*SCStanley*

Stephanie Stanley  
Town Clerk

cc The Rt Hon Simon Hart MP, Parliamentary Secretary to the Treasury (Chief Whip)  
cc Cllr Blake Stephenson, Chairman of the Mid-Bedfordshire Conservative Association