



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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Mr John Walker
Chief Executive
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Dear Mr Walker,

Can you please tell me what the current situation is in respect of the signing of the legal agreements (Section 106 agreements) to enable development work in North Colchester, involving land controlled by English Partnerships, to commence? I write specifically in relation to the Community Stadium where building work should have commenced some time ago had public pronouncements been carried out in accordance with what the general public was led to believe were the genuine intentions of the three public parties (English Partnerships, North Essex Mental Health Trust and Colchester Borough Council) who some months ago I recall issued a statement to the local media to this effect.

I have now been advised by the Council's Chief Executive that the Section 106 Agreement has still not been signed by either English Partnerships nor the Mental Health Trust! Why the continued delay? When will the Agreement be signed?

I have to express extreme displeasure at the delay upon delay upon delay in which English Partnerships cannot escape criticism for its involvement.

While writing, can you please advise me what progress has been made in selling the site or sites? I understand that English Partnerships is undertaking the marketing on behalf of all three parties. I would welcome an update on where matters are in this respect as well. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Russell,
MP for Colchester