

# SLOW IT DOWN: STOP OVERDEVELOPMENT

SUPPORT THIS PETITION TO STOP  
OVERDEVELOPMENT IN BASINGSTOKE



## *Dear resident,*

**Basingstoke and Deane has played more than its' fair share in housing the nation, with homes for an extra 150,000 people in the past five decades, double the rate of the rest of the country.**

The current Borough build rate has crept up to an unsustainable 1,200 new homes a year. This exceeds levels in the Local Plan, well beyond the needs of our community, stretching the capacity of the NHS and damaging the safety of our natural environment.

Our community wants this rapid growth to slow down to give local services like our Hospital and GPs time to catch up with the increase in demand; and the Council time to form a better plan to protect the local

natural environment. The next local plan must cut new house building levels in half, so we meet the needs of our own local residents, not those of other local authorities too.

Basingstoke is an exception: we have consistently overbuilt in comparison to other communities in the South East. There are provisions in law that the Borough Council can use to justify change, including establishing new policies on migration levels, and using 'exceptional circumstances' and 'strong reasons' as provisions set out in the National Planning Policy Framework Paragraphs 61 and 11b.

The next Local Plan needs a complete shift of focus, away from high levels of house building and onto a sustainable plan for the future, including expanding

services to meet the needs of our rapidly ageing population, the regeneration of existing housing stock, more high-quality jobs, and new ways for local residents to access affordable homes and to safeguard the natural environment.

**You can back this call for change now by adding your name to the 'Slow It Down' Petition being presented to Basingstoke and Deane Council. Sign the petition by visiting my website, scanning the QR code or completing the form overleaf.**

With best wishes,

**Maria Miller MP**



**Maria discussing overdevelopment concerns with residents recently**



**PLEASE COMPLETE THE PETITION BY VISITING MY WEBSITE OR BY FILLING OUT THE FORM OVERLEAF** ►

1

Do you agree that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council have consistently overbuilt?

Yes, I agree       Somewhat agree       Somewhat disagree       Disagree

2

What is your biggest concern about overdevelopment, and what would you like to change?

[Empty text box for response]

Go to [maria4basingstoke.co.uk/campaigns/slow-it-down-stop-overdevelopment](http://maria4basingstoke.co.uk/campaigns/slow-it-down-stop-overdevelopment)

## Scan the QR code to back Maria's 'Slow it Down' campaign



OR complete the form below, and post back in an envelope to:  
THE RT HON DAME MARIA MILLER MP, HOUSE OF COMMONS, LONDON, SW1A 0AA



We the undersigned call on Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council to reconsider their housing targets to a more sustainable level in the upcoming local plan update

Name

Address

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