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I was distressed to hear this morning that there appears to be some confusion about my recent statement regarding the Eynsham Garden Village¹.

In that statement I confirmed that I was unable to continue to support the Garden Village to the north of the A40 at Eynsham as proposed in the WODC Emerging Local Plan. Unfortunately, and unbeknown to me this statement has been quoted in a Gladman Developments submission to the Inspector of the ELP. This in turn has led some people to assume that I support the Gladman proposal, put forward as an alternative to the Eynsham Garden Village for a 'Garden Village style' development to the south of the A40 at South Leigh.

I do not support this Gladman proposal. I have never stated any support for it.

I believe that it is not an 'either or' situation. WODC will continue with its plan for a Garden Village at Eynsham and Gladman will pursue a planning application for its housing development at South Leigh. This is instead a 'lose - lose' situation.

I am proud to be one of the elected representatives for South Leigh in addition to representing Cassington and Eynsham and I hope that this clarifies the situation.

If any residents or others wish to discuss this matter my telephone number is 01865 731199.

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¹ http://eynsham-pc.gov.uk/variable/organisation/173/attachments/GardenVillage_ELP_stance.pdf