



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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I am sorry that I am unable to attend tonight's meeting as I have a long-standing speaking engagement in Essex. I would, however, like to re-iterate my strong support for Thakeham Village Action in their campaign against the proposal to establish a landfill site at Laybrook Brickworks.

I encouraged the formation of a new campaigning organisation to oppose landfill in West Sussex, and I am delighted that Zero Landfill has come into being, not least thanks to the tireless work of Thakeham Village Action.

I have convened a meeting between West Sussex County Council and Zero Landfill, on Friday 5 December, when we will discuss the Laybrook proposal. We will report back to the local community after the meeting.

I also intend to take up the issue of London's unacceptable export of waste to West Sussex with the Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.

Please be assured that I will continue to give my strongest backing to the Thakeham community in your campaign. There are better ways to deal with waste than landfill, and the village must be protected from this plan.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Herbert".

NICK HERBERT