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Dear Michael

Large industrial scale commercial allotments in Green Belt

I enclose a copy of a letter I have sent to the Chief Executive of North Somerset Council in relation to the development by Roots. I am sure you will be aware of similar activities in other parts of the country. I am writing to ask confirmation as to whether large scale commercial allotments in the Green Belt is against the National Policy Planning Framework?

It is generally recognised that allotments fall within the definition of agriculture, but individual allotments do not qualify for agricultural permitted development rights because they are too small to and are not used for the purpose of trade or business.

On a separate matter I am seeking clarification on Local Council's planning department's obligations to respond to legal challenges raised by lawyers on behalf of the public, as this can lead to frustration and anger to local residents who can feel ignored.

Please reply to this email address.

Yours sincerely

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The Rt Hon Sir Liam Fox

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