

Stoke St Mary Parish Council
C/O Woodside
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Rebecca Pow M.P.
House of Commons,
Westminster,
London
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Dear Rebecca,

RE: Daily Mail Article regarding Taylor Wimpey purchase of Crown Estate Land – 18th July 1920

<https://www.dailymail.co.uk/money/news/article-8534861/Crown-Estate-land-deal-Taylor-Wimpey-disgrace-says-MP.html>

No doubt you will be well aware of this recent article and the impact upon all the residents of Stoke St Mary Parish, and indeed Taunton. It raises numerous questions that need to be investigated further, particularly given the large sums involved.

The development potential of this Crown Estate land was specifically highlighted in the original single option A358 consultation documents released in March 2017, well before the land was put to auction in late 2018. Consequently, Crown Estate, must be questioned as to why they did not include any uplift terms to share future development potential within the contract of sale with Taylor Wimpey. This information was clearly in the public domain in 2017, and should have been presented by Savills, as advisors to Crown Estate.

Savills were also advising Taylor Wimpey as they engaged in subsequent development discussions with TDBC. This must surely raise RICS conflict of interest issues.

As our elected Member of Parliament and resident of Stoke St Mary Parish, we strongly request that you raise these matters with the Public Accounts Committee and National Audit Office.

Yours faithfully



Vic Freir
Chairman, Stoke St Mary Parish Council