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**Eastbourne LDF Core Spatial Development Strategy**

Dear Robert,

At our recent Annual General Meeting, our members expressed their dismay and anger at the recommendations of Eastbourne Borough Council's recently published LDF Core Spatial Development Strategy. Our members felt that it is totally unacceptable that once again the interests of harbour residents are considered to be subservient to the commercial imperative of Carillion plc.

Further residential development at Sovereign Harbour is unsustainable, and the opportunities for the provision of social infrastructure that would be generated by the level of development proposed would not be sufficient for the greater harbour community.

The recommendations in the report were not supported by the evidence, and the exclusion of responses from Sovereign Harbour residents was shameful. To base a strategy on such a biased consultation, supported by such a dreadfully poor report is untenable.

It is our view that this strategy should be revisited using accurate and current data, and that the land at Sovereign Harbour should be given similar protection from developers as that at Kings Drive and Priory Heights. It is time that those who are supposed to represent our interests had the courage to stand up to the commercial muscle of the developers.

As it seems we will get no support from the Borough Council, we have decided to seek support elsewhere. Attached please find a copy of a letter I have written to the Secretary of State for Communities on behalf of our members.

Yours sincerely,

**Jan Weeks**  
**Chairman**  
**Sovereign Harbour Residents Association**

**Cfi:** Stephen Lloyd MP  
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**Attachment:** Letter to Secretary of State for Communities

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