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Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

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Dear Cllr Ward,

I wanted to take this opportunity to write to you with regards to the news on Tuesday that the athlete's village will not be completed in time for the Commonwealth Games.

It's a shame that the mismanagement of this project means that Birmingham has not followed through on its offer to world-class athletes visiting our region. I do hope there are plans in place to ensure the site will remain under construction to fulfil the promise of housing after the Games.

So, I must ask that the City Council urgently reconsiders its plan to demolish the flyover at Perry Barr. Now that athletes will not be using the village in Perry Barr, the case for the demolition of the flyover is non-existent.

The demolition of the flyover will adversely impact my constituents, especially those living in Great Barr, for two main reasons:

Firstly, I have previously raised my concerns about traffic congestion; especially on the A34 Corridor and around Scott Arms. These areas already suffer from heavy traffic and poor air quality. The demolition will only make these matters worse.

Secondly, it will make it significantly harder for people from West Bromwich East, and indeed the wider region, to go into the City Centre for work & leisure. And, with the recent struggles from the retail and hospitality sectors, I'm sure this is something that's on the top of your mind.

Therefore, I urgently ask you and the City Council to reconsider your plans and halt the demolition of the Perry Barr flyover.

Yours Sincerely,

**Nicola Richards MP**  
Member of Parliament for West Bromwich East

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