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Dear Ms Yang

Firstly, congratulations again on your election to Parliament. Representing the people of Earley and Woodley will no doubt be the most important job you ever do, and you should rightly be proud to represent the people of this constituency.

And it is representation that I am writing to you about today.

Your number one pledge at the election – the first thing on your election literature, and the issue which you and your teams raised on the doorsteps on every day of the election – was to secure a new Royal Berks Hospital for the constituency.

You will have been as shocked, then, as I to see the Chancellor of the Exchequer lay out in her mini-budget, her intention to review the new hospitals programme, effectively cancelling plans for the Royal Berks Hospital.

One of your other pledges was to ensure only sustainable development within the constituency. You will know the strength of feeling in parts of Earley and Woodley against unsustainable development, and therefore will recognise the anger felt by many people across the constituency when the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Angela Rayner MP, announced that she was going to mandate housing development across the country, over the heads of Local Authorities.

I hope that you can see how in the short time you have been in Parliament, your Party has announced policies which run completely contrary to the pledges which you set out in your own local manifesto, and on which you sought the mandate from the people of Earley and Woodley.

This is not to mention the upcoming tax rises that the Chancellor of the Exchequer has suggested will be forthcoming in the budget in October. This is despite the Labour Party pledging at the election that there would be no tax rises should they be elected to power.

I imagine you are as appalled as I am, given your promises to us all.

As such, I think it is important that you lay out to me, and the people of Earley and Woodley who gave you their votes on 4th July, answers to the following important questions:

1. Can you tell me whether – before the election – you were aware of any of the national policies that have since been launched, and which ran in contradiction to your own local campaign?
2. Will you stand up for the people of Earley and Woodley, and stand up to your Party, against the policies which they have announced around the Royal Berks and the mandated housing plans?
3. Should such policies come before the House for approval, how you plan to vote on them?

As you can appreciate, these matters are pertinent to all of the voters and population within the Earley and Woodley constituency, and considering that these policies have been launched so soon after the election, you will also appreciate the need for you – as the MP for the constituency – to make your position on them clear. With that in mind, I am making this an open letter.

I trust that you will stand up to your Party, and stand up for the people of Earley and Woodley, as their elected representative in Parliament.

With best wishes,

Cllr Pauline Jorgensen



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