

# EDGCOTT PARISH COUNCIL

5 February 2021

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Via email to: [PSDenquiries@justice.gov.uk](mailto:PSDenquiries@justice.gov.uk)

Dear Madam

## **The New Prisons Programme and proposals for a potential new prison in Buckinghamshire Proposed New Prison at the Grendon/Springhill Site**

Edgcott Parish Council is particularly concerned that the consultation period for this proposal is much too short.

Based on the information in the first MoJ consultation document received on 2 December 2020 we were given until 24 December 2020 to make our submissions.

Following intervention from our MP the consultation period was extended to 29 January 2021 and in the meantime a revised MoJ consultation document was issued on 18 December 2020 which included a different layout of the proposed buildings. In addition, it also proposed a further block increasing the prison places to 1680 and the potential to expand HMP Springhill. This led to further confusion and anger particularly to those residents who had already made their submissions based on the first proposal.

We are now told that a further extension of one week has been granted to 5 February 2021.

Bearing in mind that this proposal was dropped on us over the Christmas/New Year period and for almost all of this time the country has been in full Covid lockdown then the timing could not have been worse for residents.

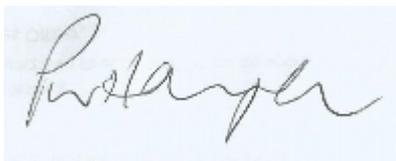
Public meetings are not permitted and leaflet drops are probably not advisable. Video conferencing is a very poor substitute for face to face meetings and a large number of residents do not have the IT access to make their voices heard.

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A large part of the local community has been totally excluded by the project being presented, in what appears to be, such a totally unprofessional and tokenistic manner.

Yours faithfully



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**Copy by email:**

The Right Honourable Robert Buckland, QC MP, Lord Chancellor and Secretary of State for Justice

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