

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **DROP IN SESSION WETHERSFIELD VILLAGE HALL MONDAY 31ST JULY 3.00PM – 4.30PM**

Dear Finchingfield Parish Council,

Following feedback which I received from the Public Meeting held at Wethersfield Village Hall and correspondence received afterwards, I have been pushing the Home Office for further and additional engagement, particularly relating to the concerns of women living around Wethersfield and Finchingfield villages.

The Home Office have agreed to host a drop in session of **Monday 31st July 2023 at Wethersfield Village Hall from 1500 until 1630**, to listen to individual concerns, to offer some reassurance and take away concerns to look at how some of these may be further mitigated.

The drop in session will also be attended by Essex Police and Braintree District Council officers who have been working hard alongside Essex County Council and NHS partners to ensure that operationally the ARC at Wethersfield is safe for all concerned and that any disruption to local residents is kept to a minimum, whilst also encouraging the Home Office for more engagement with the community.

This informal drop in is a chance to speak directly to Home Office officials and Essex Police and whilst is, as requested, aimed at concerned women, it is of course open to anyone with personal safety concerns. As I have previously stated, just because the site is now live, engagement does not stop here.

Please do continue to contact me with any concerns, issues or questions relating to the ARC at Wethersfield, I will ensure that these are passed directly to the Home Office.

Any disturbances or incidents of concern should be reported directly to the Police through 111 or in an emergency 999. You are also able to contact the Home Office directly via email at [public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk](mailto:public.enquiries@homeoffice.gov.uk)

Please be assured that I will continue to monitor this situation very closely.

Best wishes,  
James

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