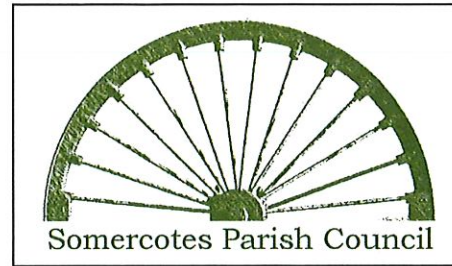


# Somercotes Parish Council

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House of Commons  
London  
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For the attention of Rt Hon Michael Gove MP – Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Dear Mr Gove,

No confidence vote in Amber Valley Borough Council as Local Planning Authority.

At Somercotes Parish Council Meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> August 2021, the council passed the following resolution, and instructed me to request your intervention.

81/2021: **AVA/2021/0880 – Planning Application – Rugby Club**

**Resolved:** Somercotes Parish Council has no confidence in the Planning Function of Amber Valley Borough Council. Somercotes Parish Council requests the Secretary of State to investigate the failings of the Borough Council with the view to putting alternative arrangements in place.

**Explanation for censure resolution** – Amber Borough Council continues to have no core strategy. They have failed to protect Somercotes from inappropriate development. The Borough Council would not defend an appeal against their own planning board's decision, leaving it to a local action group to defeat the appeal. They do not discourage re-application of an application that has twice been rejected by their own planning board and also by a government inspector.

Letter to be sent to Nigel Mills MP, Sylvia Delahay Amber Valley Borough Council, Clerks of all Town and Parish Councils in Amber Valley.

This is obviously a matter of deep concern to both the Parish Council and local residents. The Council would like therefore to be very grateful for prompt consideration of requested investigation.

Yours sincerely



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