

**From:** Robert Craggs

**Sent:** 21 June 2010 12:46

**To:** Chloe Smith MP

**Cc:** Simon Osborn Programme Officer JCS; Colin Bland; Phil Kirby; Sandra Easthaugh; June Hunt; Malcolm Martins; Mollie Howes; Tony & Ann Stubbs; Marc & Kim & Pierce Allen

**Subject:** Fwd: GNDP's Joint Core Strategy

Dear Chloe,

I trust that the attached correspondence is self explanatory.

I am not so much confused about the purpose of this Inspectors' Exploratory Meeting that I attended as I am concerned and I suspect that I am one of many.

At the commencement it was clear that this Exploratory Meeting was looking into the soundness of the JCS which was something that the public had been invited to comment on in previous months in the JCS consultation and many objective comments were lodged criticising the soundness of 'the plan'. The Exploratory Meeting was a ringing endorsement of these criticisms serving to point out that the strategy was seriously flawed requiring fundamental reconsideration that Phil Kirby and GNDP colleagues appeared to accept judging from their replies to many questions put to them. In fact this Exploratory Meeting never finished because it was, for all intents and purposes suspended because this JCS was appearing more and more unsustainable as the meeting went on such that the "next" meeting was being progressively put back from July, to September at the earliest then eventually to October. It was not made clear whether this "next" meeting would be the Pre-Hearing meeting or whether it would be a continuation of the Exploratory Meeting; indeed a precise question on this matter was put to Inspector Foster seeking a specific answer but this question was not answered. However the only real conclusion that I can now reach following this Exploratory Meeting is that Phil Kirby and the GNDP are treating this Exploratory Meeting in exactly the same way that they treated the public consultation on the JCS and that is they are ignoring the guidance of the Inspectors just as they ignored the comments made by the public about the soundness (and legality) of the strategy.

Consultation with the public came up several times during the course of the inspectors' EM - including the need to re-engage in public consultation on necessary alternatives to the JCS but instead of this happening the GNDP are forging ahead regardless.

It seems to me that there is a fundamental democratic deficiency here that Parliament needs to examine.

Perhaps Simon Osborn the Program Officer can indicate how many other similar concerns have been expressed.

There is no implied criticism into the conduct of this Exploratory Meeting, in fact I would compliment Inspector Foster and his colleague Ass.t Inspector Fox on a thorough and democratically conducted examination but it all seems to have been a waste of time and expense.

Would you please look into this matter from a point of democratic injustice?

If I can be of any further assistance in looking into this important matter I am at your

disposal.  
 Yours sincerely,  
 Robert Craggs  
 Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "POServices"  
**Date:** 21 June 2010 09:35:55 GMT+01:00  
**To:** "Robert Craggs"  
**Cc:** "June Hunt"  
**Subject:** RE: GNDP's Joint Core Strategy

At the Exploratory Meeting the Inspectors raised a number of concerns about the soundness of the Joint Core Strategy produced by GNDP. They suggested various ways in which GNDP might want to rectify this. It is up to GNDP to decide which route they wish to follow. No minutes were produced for the EM but the Inspectors views are made clear in the letter attached which has been widely distributed. I do not recall GNDP committing themselves to following any course of action and I think they would have been unlikely to have done so at the time because time was needed to consider the Inspectors and other comments.

Yours  
 Simon

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**From:** Robert Craggs  
**Sent:** 17 June 2010 22:27  
**To:** Simon Osborn Programme Officer JCS  
**Cc:** June Hunt  
**Subject:** Fwd: GNDP's Joint Core Strategy

Dear Simon,

Following the Inspectors' uncompleted Exploratory Meeting on 13 May at the Kings Centre I am concerned and confused that the notes issued by the Inspectors did not fully cover the issues raised and the ensuing comments made on those issues by Inspector Mike Foster. Also GNDP /BDC are seemingly continuing to go ahead making a variety of attempts to pursue JCS objectives criticised by and irrespective of the critical comments made by the Inspectors. Are the Inspectors happy with this and if so why? As you stated a lot of people who attended the Exploratory Meeting have made a great deal of requests, can I see these please?

I was under the very clear impression that alternative strategies to the JCS would be produced and the public would be consulted on this and that Phil Kirby committed to doing just this, but clearly he and/or the GNDP are not following this course of action that the meeting was led to believe would happen.

I am seeking clarification on what is happening and what should be happening. Can you explain?

Yours sincerely  
 Robert Craggs  
 Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "POServices"  
**Date:** 8 June 2010 14:34:13 GMT+01:00  
**To:** "Robert Craggs"  
**Subject:** RE: GNDP's Joint Core Strategy

For your information, I have now heard from the Inspector regarding the submission of unsolicited representations made since the EM.

With regard to a note of the meeting for I have received a great deal of requests, the Inspectors believe that their detailed letter to GNDP sets out the areas of work that need further consideration. In the Inspectors view this provides a full and sufficient record of the outcome of the meeting. They do not consider it necessary to produce any further note, or that it would add any significant value to the process.

However, they are happy for me to pass on to them both any correspondence that I have received from any source in response to their letter to GNDP, albeit that the ball is now mainly in the Partnership's court.

I will let them have a copy of your further submission as soon as possible. I will of course also send copies of your submission the GNDP and ensure that it appears on the website.

Yours  
Simon Osborn  
Programme Officer