

Worcester,

The Secretary
Committee on Standards in Public Life
35 Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3BQ.

15th May, 2009.

Dear Sir,

Expenses problem - regaining respect.

Clearly we need to trust our MP's, and while the actions and changes which will achieve this are being developed, I would be interested to know if you think anybody in the Westminster community would be interested to promote the development of a dedicated residence, built by the country for our MP's.

I know this idea is commonplace, and I happen to agree with it, but my interest lies less with what is done than how it is done. My idea is to make this development represent a "new start" in the relationship between us in the country and our MP's.

Therefore, the publicity surrounding the planning and development should emphasise the return of the respect which should operate both ways. We, the country, show our respect by providing accommodation which is not average or ordinary, but suitable for people when they are working hard and often under pressure. When in use, it is operated with promotion of respect between the users and ordinary people as part of its mission.

The objective is to provide the accommodation and the transparency as to cost that I think will be required in future, but it is also to provide a place where good respect can be kept apparent in the ethos by which it is operated and used.

Yours sincerely,

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