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Dear Sir Christopher,

As a very angry, 63 year old successful businessman with past interests in retail and the media, may I make a suggestion that your committee might like to look at in reference to MPs 2nd homes.

Obviously this problem has to be addressed and as an interim measure maybe the answer is to do what most companies do which is to have London hotels tender for the MPs overnight stays and submit accounts direct to the House of Commons payment section.

But my main suggestion is that from 2012 the London Olympics athlete's village flats will become vacant and these MPs be allocated a flat each on a 'grace and favour' basis for the period they are elected to the House. This would solve the '2nd home' problem and also the looming problem of what to do with a large part of the Olympic buildings after the games and saving them from becoming deserted and vandalised as has happened to the Barcelona athletes village. It would seem a perfect answer in the long term as all the basics for security etc. will be in situ??

Best of luck with the report,

