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## Philip Calls for Planning to be Under Local Control

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Currently a third of applications refused by local authorities are overturned on appeal by the government. On 30th November Philip submitted an EDM (early Day Motion) reading:

“That this House recognises the widespread concern about excessive and inappropriate house building; believes that planning permission for residential properties should be decided solely by local planning authorities without Government interference or guidelines; believes that regional assemblies should be abolished and therefore have no input in planning targets; and believes that there should be no right of appeal to a planning inspector for a residential development.”

### More Details

## Philip Presents Petitions to the Government

In the month of November Philip presented two petitions to the government.

The first was on behalf of constituent, in Burley in Wharfedale, from IsItFair a council tax protest campaign.

The second was on behalf of the Freedom Association, and contained over 1000 signatures stating that identity cards are “in principle un-British and in practice will prove to be grossly expensive, utterly ineffective and intensely illiberal.”

### Read More About the Petitions



Philip looks forward to hearing from you. Make a surgery appointment to share your views and concerns.

### Next Surgery Shipley Constituency Office

Wednesday, December 21

16:00—17:00

Phone 01274 592248 to make an appointment.

Come meet and share your concerns with your MP. Philip will be answering your questions and speaking about the business he has been working on in Westminster.

## PHOTO GALLERY

Wishing You a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Philip learns about the finer points of rubbish at PM Waste Management Company.

## Philip is Putting Pressure on the Government to Tackle Crimes Committed by Those on Early Release

In Early November Philip began putting pressure on the government to take steps to curb crimes committed by those on early release programs. He questioned the government for the figures of crimes committed while on early release (see below) and was not only disturbed by the high numbers but has also determined to make the government acknowledge the problem.

He has submitted Early Day Motion 1064 calling for the tagging system to be scrapped and for prisoners to serve their sentence in full.

### The Figures

Total charged with further crimes after being released on parole since 1997	1,167
Total crimes committed by those on home detention curfews since 1997	6,714
Total number of crimes committed by those on early release, which are categorised as 'violence against the person' which included murder, since 1997	828



Philip debating in the Chamber.

[Read the Yorkshire Post Article](#) [Read EDM 1064](#)



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