



**The Rt Hon. Andrea Leadsom MP**  
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Mr Iain Massey  
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Dear Mr Massey

Thank you for asking the parents of your pupils to relay to me their concerns about the budget of the school and the implications for the next academic year. I am grateful to you for highlighting these issues and the potential implications for future education at Sponne.

I have today written to the Rt Hon Justine Greening MP, Secretary of State for Education, calling for an urgent meeting to discuss the matter and I enclose a copy of my letter. I also suggest that we meet as soon as possible and my office will contact yours shortly to arrange a convenient time.

I am also urgently seeking discussion with the Local Authority and developers for the Towcester Southern Urban Extension to see what other options there are.

In the meantime, I would be grateful if you will please share my letters with the parents so that they are aware of the action that is being taken.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea Leadsom".

The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP

Member of Parliament for South Northamptonshire.



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The Rt Hon Justine Greening MP  
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Dear Justine

I have been contacted by a considerable number of my constituents regarding their serious concerns about the budget of their children's school – Sponne School in Towcester. This follows a letter sent last week by the Head, Mr Iain Massey, to all the parents urging them to write to me about the issues involved.

I enclose a copy of Mr Massey's letter from which you will see that he highlights that there is a predicted shortfall of income over expenditure in the next academic year. He explains some of the challenges faced by the school and the potential implications for the future choices available to pupils and the consequences for their overall education. Mr Massey states that Sponne is one of the lowest funded secondary schools per student in Northamptonshire and probably near the bottom across the country. He refers to the problems caused by a planned increase in the number of students due to the expansion of Towcester without any additional revenue funding to support the new accommodation that will be necessary.

I would be grateful please to meet with you urgently to discuss the issues and my office will be in touch shortly to arrange a time.

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andrea".

The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP

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