Email to Councillor Reuben Mychaleckyj

Subject: Your abstention on the Long Copse Lane amendment

Sent by: Save Long Copse Lane Group

Date: July 2026 — following Full Council, 15 July 2026

Dear Councillor Mychaleckyj,

It will not have come as a surprise to you: when the vote count was announced in the chamber, you knew immediately the impact of your abstention on the amendment raised by your Green Party colleague, Charles Robert. That abstention has serious consequences — both for the future of Long Copse Lane and for the public view of yourself and the Green Party.

We understand, from what you said in the chamber ahead of the Horsefield vote, that you were genuinely conflicted. But your duty was to the commitments you made to residents — given at the hustings, when asked directly, and reflected in your campaign leaflets — not to reassurances from officers and colleagues around you.

Had you voted as those commitments implied, the amendment would have passed outright and the Plan would now have been referred to Cabinet for review. Charles made clear, both publicly and directly to members, that this would not threaten the success of the Local Plan, and raised directly in the debate that a four-week buffer existed before the Council's submission deadline — so the argument that there simply wasn't time does not hold up. It is also worth noting that your fellow Emsworth Green councillor, Grainne Rason, voted in favour of the amendment. You represent the very ward this site sits within, yet you did not join her.

We understand there is likely to be a further full Council vote on the Plan once it has been revised following the Regulation 19 consultation. We ask for your commitment to vote for the removal of Long Copse Lane from the Plan, in keeping with the commitment you made to this community.

We look forward to your reply.

Yours sincerely,

Save Long Copse Lane Group