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Dear Mr Coughlan,

Thank you for your letter of the 7th April 2011 asking for my opinions on the Copley Valley Transformation Scheme. As you are clearly aware I am at present only a candidate for election and not yet a Councillor. However, I have visited your website from which I can see that you have a full grasp of all the relevant information regarding this project, probably far more than me.

I have taken the opportunity to discuss the project with Cllr. Stephen Gow and other Liberal Democrat colleagues with whom you have been in contact and I can confirm that I am in full agreement with them on this matter. Cllr. Gow has, I know replied to you in detail and at the present time I do not feel that I can add anything more beyond re-stating the Liberal-Democrat position on the project, as set out in our recent Skircoat Ward Focus under the heading "Another Fine Mess":

"...we see an advantage in some kind of development/cleanup of the Sterne Mills site, BUT we do not consider that the infrastucture is in place to support it."

If I am elected to Calderdale Council on 5th May I would endeavour to represent all the people of Sowerby Bridge balancing residential, environmental and commercial needs as fairly as possible. I undertake to consult fully with the membership of the Copley Valley E P G and all other interested parties before making any decisions on this project.

I trust you will find this helpful at the present time.

Yours sincerley

Ms Denise Jagger