

Tolson speaks out in the Scottish Parliament

Lib Dem Communities spokesperson Jim Tolson MSP participated in a debate about neglected common ground speaking up for Dunfermline West constituents who have and are still suffering in the hands of factoring companies.

Jim Tolson MSP said “It seems that the builders of every new development in Dunfermline – of which there have been plenty, including those at Admiral Heights, Caley Muir and Masterton Hall in my constituency – and of developments throughout Scotland have ‘jumped on the bandwagon’ of undercutting their competitors by avoiding the upfront payment to councils of the adoption fee and passing the issue over to factors instead. Despite the fact that factoring has become the norm, the quality of the work undertaken is out of all proportion to the amount many residents pay. It may not be illegal, but it is certainly underhand”.

Jim Tolson MSP said “This issue needs dealing with now. The residents are entitled to receive the service that they have paid for – there is no excuse for poor service or no service especially considering the high charges that many of my constituents pay. The Minister for Community Safety, Fergus Ewing, gave his assurance during the debate that he would be dealing with the matter soon. I will be keeping a ‘very close eye on the situation’ and will be asking questions if there is no action soon”.