

# Huw Merriman MP

## Public Meeting

### **Northeye Asylum Seeker Accommodation Centre Proposal**

**St Augustine's Church, St Augustine's Close, Bexhill, TN39 3AZ**

**Friday 26 January**

**6.00pm - First Come First Seated. Doors open 5.30pm**

When the Home Office announced their intention in March last year to bring forward proposals to open an asylum seeker accommodation centre on the outskirts of Bexhill, I committed to publishing all of the information that was provided to me by the Home Office. I have done this through correspondence with residents, on my website, in the local press and across social media. I also pledged that when the time was right, I would hold a public meeting.

Last summer, the Home Office confirmed that if proposals for the Northeye site are brought forward, it would be for 'detained' purposes only, meaning that those asylum seekers residing there would not be free to come and go. Since then, the Home Office has completed the purchase of the site and assessments to establish the suitability of the site are ongoing.

The Home Office expected to decide this month whether their proposal would be taken forward. It is now looking unlikely that Home Office will be able to make a final decision this month. I recognise, though, that there may still be demand for a public meeting and so I have decided to go ahead and hold one this month.

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