

Dear Mr Amess

Thank you for your e-mail of 5 December about the Global Green City Project in the Maldives.

Following your letter of introduction earlier this year, my UK Trade and Investment team went to Male in June to meet [REDACTED] the Managing Director of Global Projects Development Company (Pvt) Ltd. Although they were impressed by the development of Gulhifalhu, they were very concerned that 10 years after the start of the project, the issue of land title had not been resolved. In these circumstances they repeatedly urged [REDACTED] to seek independent legal advice and to pursue the resolution of this outstanding obstacle as quickly as possible. Unfortunately, it would appear that it has not been possible for this matter to be resolved to the satisfaction of [REDACTED] and his investors.

When I was last in Male on 10 November and was made aware of the possibility of the impending termination of the project, I raised the matter with the Deputy Minister of Tourism and asked him to relay our strong desire that it should be resolved in a way which did not prejudice future British investment in Maldives.

Given however that this appears to be an essentially legal dispute over land ownership between the Government of the Maldives and Global Projects Development Company (Pvt) Ltd our ability to intervene further is limited. I would strongly reiterate the advice previously given to [REDACTED] that he should seek independent professional legal counsel. For convenience, I enclose the details of two lawyers firms in Male which our Consular Section distribute to UK citizens requiring legal assistance in the Maldives.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely

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**Importance:** High

Dear Mr Rankin,

I am writing to you with regards to the Global Green City Project in Gulhifalhu, completed by the Global Projects Development Company (Pvt) Ltd.

Gulhifalhu Investments Ltd decided to terminate the project on 16 December 2014. This comes as a huge shock and disappointment to both the British investors and to the people of the Maldives who bought properties and want to live in the Global Green City.

Global Projects Development Company (Pvt) Ltd need urgent support with this project before the termination deadline on 16 December.

Would you be able to assist in any way?

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,

**David Amess**  
**Member of Parliament for Southend West**

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