

# Press Release

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## **Liberal Vannin Candidate Bill Malarkey Slams Government Over Pulrose Housing Crisis**

Liberal Vannin Candidate for Douglas South, Bill Malarkey was shocked during his campaign trail around Pulrose to discover the state of repair of the houses in Heather and Hazel Crescent. In particular, he spoke with the Denton Family of Heather Crescent and was introduced to baby Luke who suffers from RSV positive bronchiolitis.

Mrs Denton allowed Bill Malarkey to view their house, showing him areas of damp; poor roofing and nothing more than a coal fire for heating. She also provided correspondence from her health visitor and consultant paediatrician stating that their present living conditions was contributing to Luke's ailments. The Denton Family were housed temporarily in this particular property with a promise that the whole site was to be redeveloped by Christmas and that they would be allocated one of the new properties.

Now, due to all the delays, they face the onslaught of winter in a cold damp house with no clear indication as to when they can move to a more suitable house given their son's illness.

Bill Malarkey states that "He was totally dismayed by the state of the houses and that he understands Douglas Corporation were trying to agree funding with Central Government for this development which will cost in the region of £13 million.

He added that it was typical the present Government felt the need to spend £12 million refurbishing the 'Wedding Cake' to enable government to make an impression of the richness of our government to visitors, when residents such as Mr & Mrs Denton are having to endure these poor living conditions. This is just another situation where the present government puts its own needs before those it is supposed to represent."

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