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Dear Holly,

Housing Development at Chalgrove Airfield

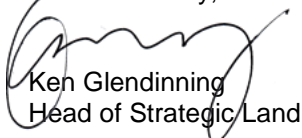
I write to confirm that Homes England is grateful for the dialogue it has had with South Oxfordshire District Council, Oxfordshire County Council, various parish councils and stakeholders concerning the opportunity for housing development at Chalgrove Airfield.

This dialogue has enabled the Homes England to establish a positive partnership with your authority to bring forward the development of an important strategic brownfield site. As a sustainable development delivering a wide range of transport, social and community infrastructure to link the scheme to the existing village, together with its ability to deliver market and affordable housing, Homes England confirms its commitment to bringing this site forward for development. The allocation of the site in the draft Local Plan (Policy STRAT9) is a significant step forward in the process of delivering this site and the Homes England is grateful for this. It remains the Home England's intention to submit an outline planning application for the site's redevelopment in the spring of 2018. Our pre-application discussions with your Council continue to progress the proposals towards this submission date.

As you know, Homes England's tenant – Martin-Baker Aircraft Company Limited (MBACL) – has rejected our latest proposal to work with them to bring forward our proposals. Whilst it is the Homes England's intention to continue to work with MBACL to agree terms, should that not be possible, I can confirm that the Homes England will seek all necessary approvals to the use of its statutory powers, including where necessary and appropriate a CPO to bring this site forward for development. I confirm that in whichever option brings the site forward for development – private treaty agreement or compulsory purchase – the Homes England's objective is to retain MBACL on site and all our negotiations are conducted on this basis. This will continue to be the case.

The Homes England looks forward to continuing the partnership working with all parties over the coming months and years in the delivery of this important scheme.

Yours sincerely,



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