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I am writing to let you know that I have approved a bid for government support to help deliver a new Garden Village in your constituency at Long Marston.

Long Marston is one of fourteen Garden Villages selected from a total of fifty-one bids we received in response to our prospectus published in March inviting localities to come forward with strong locally-led garden village proposals of between 1,500 and 10,000 homes. These proposals, including the one in your constituency, stood out as the strongest against the criteria we had set, including the likelihood of timely progress and accelerated delivery; viability and local demand; and the strength of quality, innovation and design in the proposal.

Our support will be focussed on enabling Stratford-on-Avon District Council to plan for development that is sustainable, where the right infrastructure is provided at the right time, and which delivers a high quality new community that stands out from the ordinary. We will provide the Council with a share of £3 million of capacity funding in this financial year to support them take forward the garden village.

I am looking forward to working with the local authority and other key partners locally on this and other new garden settlements. These will significantly contribute to our target of 1 million new homes by 2020, and provide a longer term pipeline of high quality new housing.

*Yours sincerely*

*Gavin*

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