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Dear Nadhim,

I am writing to inform you that, after a competitive process, Stratford-on-Avon District Council has been awarded £300,000 capacity funding to help drive design and delivery of Long Marston Garden Village.

As you know, delivering a Garden Village carries significant costs which go beyond the typical remit of local authorities. Providing this capacity funding ensures that the places we are supporting have the resources to fulfil their place-making ambitions. It will be used, for example, to fund the dedicated staff teams, holistic master planning work, and key studies and assessments needed to underpin delivery. Other aspects of our support offer include expert delivery advice from Homes England and cross-government brokerage to resolve barriers to delivery.

Locally-led garden communities are vital to delivering the transformational housing growth that this country so badly needs, whilst ensuring surrounding existing communities can also benefit from growth through well planned infrastructure and community amenities.

I therefore welcome the ambition shown by Stratford-on-Avon District Council in their plans for Long Marston Garden Village and in their work to date.

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