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Date: 5th January 2017

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Dear Mr Conroy,

Re: Buckover Garden Village Expression of Interest

Thank you for submitting your expression of interest in response to the Garden Villages, Towns and Cities Prospectus issued by DCLG. The assessment panel were pleased to receive your submission and appreciate the ambitions you have to secure Garden Village scale growth in your local area. We received substantial national interest in the Garden Villages, Towns and Cities Programme and this week Ministers have chosen to support 14 new Garden Villages which unfortunately does not include your project.

I appreciate this will be disappointing news however I would encourage you to pursue your Garden Village ideas. The HCA are responsible for delivering the Garden Villages Programme for DCLG and we recognise the potential of your proposal. We would like to have a conversation with you around how we can best support you in progressing your Garden Village ambitions. There is scope for us to offer support from our planning team ATLAS, from delivery specialists in our local teams and in HCA's Land Team. We hope to open another round of Garden Village funding in 2017/18 and can offer guidance in preparing applications.

I also wanted to point you towards government funding for large scale projects that have recently been announced by DCLG and the HCA. The £3 billion Home Building Fund <https://www.gov.uk/homebuildingfund> provides loans for SME builders, custom builders and off-site construction and is aimed at unlocking large sites throughout England.

The new Housing Infrastructure Fund of £2.3 billion, announced at Autumn Statement 2016, is focused on unlocking new housing supply with the potential to deliver up to 100,000 homes.

The HCA will be in touch with you shortly to follow up on this letter.

Kind Regards

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