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Dear Councillor Brown,

South Oxfordshire Local Plan – update

Thank you for your letter dated 11 June.

The statement provided by Oxfordshire partner authorities under the auspices of the Growth Board is helpful and I welcome the support for the process we have outlined and your commitment to work with us to use Growth Deal funding to bring forward delivery of housing and help with ensuring we get “early” deliverability, something I recognise is important to all councils in Oxfordshire.

As you will be aware at this point, we cannot be sure whether or not the review of sites that we are currently undertaking will impact the overall submission timeline for our Local Plan. Should it become clear that this is likely to be the case, we will seek confirmation from MHCLG that delaying the submission of the Local Plan until January 2020 would not significantly impact on the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal or the freedoms and flexibilities proposed as part of it. At this time, we have made no request for an extension to the dates within the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal.

We fully support the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal and the commitment to the Strategic Housing Market Assessment level housing numbers within it. We are strongly committed to delivering housing and it is not intended that the current review will reduce our numbers from those within the previous draft Local Plan which sought to deliver nearly a quarter of the number outlined in the Deal. We welcome your support for the approach that we are pursuing to protect the delivery of the Housing and Growth Deal we have all signed up to.

Yours sincerely,

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