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Dear Mr Walkley,

Berinsfield Garden Village and Didcot Garden Town funding bids

South Oxfordshire District Council is delighted to provide this letter of support for capacity funding bids for Berinsfield Garden Village and Didcot Garden Town. Funding would be used to pay for staff and projects to support work to deliver both garden communities.

Our newest garden community in South Oxfordshire is Berinsfield Garden Village. Together with Didcot Garden Town, our garden communities will provide more than housing and jobs; they have health, well-being and environmental sustainability at their core. High quality public open spaces, cycleways and pedestrian friendly communities will play a major role in encouraging people to get active outside.

Our ability to secure government funding will show a commitment to invest in garden community principles alongside private and other public sector delivery partners. This support is vital to help support planning, viability and design quality work which will set these communities apart.

We seek to play our part in making sure South Oxfordshire grows while facilitating sustainable new developments which promote active transport, reduce dependency on cars and address climate change. In support of these goals, South Oxfordshire District Council strongly supports the capacity funding bid for Berinsfield Garden Village and Didcot Garden Town.

Yours sincerely



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