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Dear Colleague,

### **Starter Homes: Unlocking the Land Fund**

It is with pleasure that I write to you with news of the Starter Homes: Unlocking the Land Fund.

The £1.2bn Land Fund was announced earlier this year, inviting local authorities across England to submit expressions of interest in working with the Homes and Communities Agency to bring forward brownfield land for starter homes. These homes will be available to young, first time buyers at a discount of at least 20%.

We had a very strong response to the announcement, with 120 local authorities' submitting 79 expressions of interest (some jointly). From those 79 bids we selected a group of 30 that offered the best opportunities for delivering new housing at scale and pace.

I am delighted to inform you that one or more local authorities within your constituency has been selected amongst the first round of partnerships, the details of which you will find in the table attached. We will formally announce this first round of partnerships on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, at which point we will write to each local authority outlining the next steps, asking them to work closely with the HCA to bring forward sites and get starter homes built as soon as possible.

I know that you will be very pleased that your constituency is playing such a key role in the Government's delivery of new housing and its drive to increase home ownership opportunities for this country's hard-working young people.

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**STARTER HOMES LAND FUND**  
**- LIST OF SELECTED LOCAL AUTHORITIES WHO HAVE SUBMITTED EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND WHO ARE SELECTED FOR FIRST ROUND PARTNERSHIPS -**

Local Authority/ies
Bristol City Council
Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Blackpool Council
Central Bedfordshire Council
Cheshire West, Chester, Cheshire East, Warrington
Chesterfield Borough Council
Chichester District Council
City of Lincoln Council
Ebsfleet Development Corporation
Fareham Borough Council
Gloucester City Council
GM Combined Authority (Bolton, Bury, Manchester, Oldham, Rochdale, Salford, Stockport, Tameside, Trafford, Wigan)
Lincolnshire County Council
Liverpool City Council, Sefton, Knowsley, Halton, Wirral, St. Helens
Luton Borough Council
Mid Sussex District Council
Middlesbrough Council
North Somerset Council
Northumberland County Council
Pendle Borough Council
Plymouth City Council (without Northern Prospect)
Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
Rushmoor Borough Council
Sheffield City Council
South Kesteven District Council
South Ribble Borough Council (with Preston and Lancashire county)
South Somerset District Council
Stoke-on-Trent Council
West Somerset Council, Taunton Deane Borough Council, Sedgemoor DC
Worthing Council