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Dear Leaders,

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A housing and growth deal for Oxfordshire

Thank you for your letter of 28 February 2018, to the Secretary of State concerning Oxfordshire's Housing and Growth Deal, I am replying as the Minister for Housing. I am pleased to note that the deal has been approved by all six Oxfordshire councils and the Oxfordshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

I welcome your plans to deliver 100,000 homes by 2031 – well in excess of the published figures in our draft NPPF published last week - and your commitment to adopting a joint statutory spatial plan by 2021. I have been impressed with the collaborative approach you have taken to develop the deal. It will be of benefit to local people across Oxfordshire, whilst setting an ambition for housing delivery which other areas should seek to replicate.

It will be essential to ensure that the homes committed through the deal get delivered. You have committed to bring forward for adoption a joint statutory spatial plan by 2021 to deliver 100,000 homes by 2031 and to deliver 14,000 homes directly from the infrastructure funding provided by the deal and a further 1322 affordable homes from the affordable homes grant. I am therefore pleased to approve the delivery plan. My officials and Homes England will continue to work with you to track implementation of the deal and funding will be contingent on the milestones in the delivery plan being met. I hope to be able to visit Oxfordshire in the coming weeks, to publically sign off the deal.

I would like to thank you for the significant amount of work done to get to this stage and for the collaborative approach your councils have demonstrated when working with my officials. I look forward to a productive and on-going relationship between Oxfordshire and Government, as we continue to work together to build the homes this country needs.

You sincerely,

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