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Dec/Mark

Thank you for your letter of 18 November to the Rt Hon Sajid Javid MP about an expression of interest submitted to us through our garden villages programme for development at Sibson Aerodrome. I am replying as Minister for Housing and apologise for the delay in doing so. I wanted to wait until after the announcement of the fourteen selected garden villages.

As I expect you will have seen by now, Sibson is not one of the fourteen garden villages for which we have recently announced our support. I recognise that will be a disappointment for you, but my intention is that the fourteen places we have announced our support for now will be a vanguard rather than the final word. I recognise that the expression of interest for Sibson had much to recommend in terms of vision and commitment to innovation and I hope that as proposals are worked up further a clearer picture of local and community support will be established.

Yours sincerely
Gavin

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