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The Rt Hon James Brokenshire MP
Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
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Dear James,

Chetwynd Garden Communities Bid

I am writing to you in support of the joint bid by Broxtowe Borough Council and Chetwynd, Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum for a new Garden Community at Chetwynd Barracks at Toton in my constituency. I understand the bid also has the backing of the Defence Infrastructure Organisation who will also be sending you their own letter of support.

Although I am sorry to see the Ministry of Defence leaving Chetwynd Barracks and my constituency after such a long time, I recognise the significant opportunity presented by the availability of the land for development, particularly given that HS2's East Midlands Hub will be at the nearby Toton Sidings. Broxtowe Borough Council and the excellent Neighbourhood Forum are already doing a good job at making sure the full benefit of HS2 is realised in Toton; a Garden Community based at Chetwynd would also give them the opportunity to enhance their plans into a world class development.

I have no hesitation in giving my full support to this community led bid which would significantly enhance planned developments at Chetwynd Barracks for the benefit of my constituents. I have copied in the Chair of Chetwynd Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum, Richard Huthinson, Broxtowe Borough Council's Leader, Cllr Richard Jackson, and the council's project leader, Amanda Vernon, for their information.

Yours as ever,

Rt Hon Anna Soubry MP

Cc. Cllr Richard Jackson, Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council;
Amanda Vernon, Team Leader (Planning Information) at Broxtowe Borough Council;
Richard Hutchinson, Chair of the Chetwynd: Toton and Chilwell Neighbourhood Forum.