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Dear Mr Lavender

**West Stevenage**

I refer to my letter of 6 August 2004 and continued negotiations with the West Stevenage Consortium.

I am pleased to inform you that English Partnerships have today entered into a Conditional Land Sale Agreement with the West Stevenage Consortium covering our land holdings at Norton Green within the area required to deliver the development covered by the planning applications that are at inquiry.

As a result of entering into this legal agreement English Partnerships can now release the planning documents (Section 106 Agreement on Affordable Housing, Unilateral Undertaking and a Supplemental Agreement – Security Deed – to the UU) from Escrow.

English Partnerships have seen the further interim submission from the three local authorities outlining their concerns with the Unilateral Undertaking and Security Deed. In the limited time available English Partnerships' solicitors, Pinsents, have reviewed the local authority document and informed EP that they do not agree that the UU and Security Deed are flawed. In the circumstances, English Partnerships generally supports the response of the Consortium, drafted by Davies & Partners, to the local authority document.

Yours sincerely



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