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Dear Mr Blakeway,

The Committee has considered your request to accept a commission with Barrat Developments PLC, as a strategic adviser.

The Committee agrees this commission is permissible within the terms of your consultancy – which was to provide strategic advice, particularly in housing and planning – and subject to the conditions previously applied.

The conditions that apply to your consultancy are:

- you should not draw on (disclose or use for the benefit of yourself or the organisations to which this advice refers) any privileged information available to you from your time in Crown service;
- for two years from your last day in service, you should not become personally involved in lobbying the UK Government on behalf of any of your clients or those you advise;
- for 12 months from your last day of service you should not undertake any work as a consultant which involves providing advice to any company or organisation on the terms of a bid or contract relating directly to the work of Cabinet Office; and
- once you have received approval to set up as an independent consultant, you must seek confirmation from the Committee directly that each subsequent individual commission is permissible under the terms of your consultancy before taking it up. If, after enquiry, the Committee takes the view that a commission is, or may be, outside the terms of the consultancy you will be expected to submit a fresh application.

The Business Appointment Rules explain that the restriction on lobbying means that the former Crown servant “should not engage in communication with Government - including Ministers, special advisers and officials - with a view to influencing a Government decision or policy [including applications for awards or grants] in relation to their own interests, or the interests of the organisation by which they are employed, or to whom they are contracted”.

The Committee also expects that you will not make use, directly or indirectly, of your contacts in Government and/or Crown service to influence policy or secure funding on behalf of these organisations.

I would be grateful if you could let me know when you take up these commissions, or if it is announced that you are to do so. This will enable the Committee to publish brief details on the regularly updated consolidated list on its website and in its next annual report. This letter may also be published.

Yours sincerely,

Alexander Newton
Committee Secretariat