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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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To: 'bristolpostnews@localworld.co.uk'

Subject: FW: A statement from Homes England Chair Sir Ed Lister

Hi, I sent the statement below to [REDACTED] earlier today – but have not had a reply, so forwarding to the news desk also.

[REDACTED], please see below a further statement from the Chairman of Homes England, Sir Ed Lister regarding the Bristol Arena

Please can you confirm you have received it and will include in your next story on the arena.

Many thanks. [REDACTED]

31/08/2018

**Commenting on the Bristol Arena, Sir Ed Lister, Chairman of Homes England said:**

“As chair of Homes England my priority is to support the delivery of homes across the country. Among the key factors in making the successful delivery of homes more likely is strong local leadership, along with a commitment to stimulate long-term economic growth through the ability to attract and secure public and private investment.

“We want to see development which delivers significant economic benefit to cities like Bristol. As I have said before, Homes England supports partners ready to make the right decision in the long-term interests of their cities, and for Bristol this includes looking at whether the arena is still the best use of Temple Island.

“Homes England particularly welcomes proposals that improve affordability and deliver more city centre homes, bringing guaranteed year-round footfall and spending power to support local businesses and create employment opportunities.

“We also recognise the need to make evidence-based decisions which secure this vision. We take confidence in the fact that Bristol is using evidence set against clear criteria for jobs, growth and housing. My view is that this will play into Bristol's ability to attract major investment in the future, from us, other government organisations and the private sector”.

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