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Dear Sirs,

Affordable Housing Mix at Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden

I write regarding the proposed development by Chase New Homes at Thaxted Road, Saffron Walden. B3Living are a preferred partner of Uttlesford DC who actively develop and acquire affordable housing in this Local Authority area and will be the Housing Association delivering and managing the affordable homes on this site.

Chase New Homes have proactively consulted with B3Living throughout their design process both prior to and following their acquisition of the site, which benefitted from Outline planning consent. This engagement has enabled us to provide feedback into the location and distribution of the affordable homes across the site, alongside guidance on the optimum affordable housing mix, in line with local policies. As a result, Chase New Homes purchased the site on the basis of a policy complaint affordable housing mix, that was supported by both B3Living and in principle, by Uttlesford DC's Housing Officer.

As a Housing Association, our preference is to have homes co-located in multiple clusters rather than pepper-potted throughout a site of this size. This helps us to manage and maintain our homes more efficiently and effectively from a housing management perspective, enabling us to provide a better service for our customers, better ability to monitor antisocial behaviour and prevent complaints. Furthermore, there is an additional benefit through fewer land transfers enabling a smoother and more economic legal process.

B3Living have further liaised with Uttlesford DC's Housing Officer who acknowledged the demonstrable need for a range of affordable housing in the town and were supportive of the proposed layout and tenure mix, subject to planning.



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B3Living support this development and are committed to working with Chase New Homes to provide the much-needed affordable housing on this site and to make a positive impact in Uttlesford DC, with whom we enjoy an excellent working relationship.

I trust the above is satisfactory, but should you have any queries regarding this letter then please do not hesitate to contact me on [REDACTED] or alternatively email me at [REDACTED]

Kind regards,



Hannah Rennie
Land and New Business Manager