

The Scottish Government

St Andrew’s House

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Dear Minister

**East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018**

We are aware that the East Lothian Local Development Plan 2018 (LDP) has been submitted to Scottish Ministers for review and that, should you give clearance, the Council will be soon be able to formally adopt its plan.

On behalf of Homes for Scotland and our members, I am writing to express our support for the positive and proactive process of engagement undertaken by East Lothian Council as it has prepared this LDP. This has allowed for a greater level of collaboration between the authority and stakeholders, and a smoother, more efficient process.

We also support the step-change in delivery targets for new homes in East Lothian that the Council has embraced in its LDP. We commend the Council’s approach to housing delivery. Its focus on this important issue is evident from planning officers and runs through the plan.

We have also welcomed the Council’s wider proactive work in recent years to recognise and address housing land supply issues, including through the publication of interim guidance.

I hope that you are in a position to allow East Lothian Council to adopt its plan shortly, supporting the need to deliver more homes across East Lothian to meet identified need and demand and support economic growth.

As ever, if there are further queries regarding the above do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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