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Dear Paul,

**GP Surgery in the new “East of Luton” Development**

I hope this letter finds you well.

I am writing alongside Bloor Homes and The Crown Estate, who are the main landowners and promoters of “East of Luton”, a proposed development of 2,100 houses, public amenities and infrastructure around Cockernhoe, Mangrove Green and Tea Green in North Hertfordshire in my constituency.

Local residents in villages in North Hertfordshire – including in Cockernhoe – have written to me with their experiences of difficulties in registering for and accessing a GP in our area. I know that you will understand the concern that a lack of easy access to a local GP causes for local communities.

Following productive discussions with Bloor Homes and The Crown Estate about the inclusion of a GP surgery in their development, which would serve our North Hertfordshire villages, I wanted to write to you to seek your support in principle for the establishment of a GP surgery at East of Luton in the event of planning consent, to commence as soon as practically possible in the development of that new community.

I hope that we will be able to work together to ensure that this delivers sufficient capacity for both new residents and existing residents in our villages.

Kind regards,

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