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Paul Watson  
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Dear Mr Watson

**A NEW HEART FOR SHIRLEY – AFFORDABLE HOUSING**

I write to set out the basis upon which Shirley Advance is willing to pursue the provision of 'affordable housing' as part of the overall residential content of the above scheme.

The Development Agreement exchanged between Shirley Advance and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, as landowner, requires the inclusion of '*an appropriate number of residential units (and appropriate car parking) including such percentage of Affordable Housing as may be required by the local planning authority*'.

The planning application submitted today includes a total of 140 apartments. In accordance with your standard policy, we propose that 40% of these apartments will be allocated for such affordable provision. Therefore, a total of 56 apartments will be made available as affordable units. These will, in the main, be located within residential blocks D and E on the plans.

You will be aware that we have commenced negotiations with your colleague, John Pitcher, with a view to agreeing the most appropriate mix of affordable types/uses.

I look forward to concluding these negotiations over the next few weeks, alongside the planning process, with a view to having reached agreement before you proceed to make your recommendations to committee.

Yours sincerely

**ROBERT M G BIRCH**  
For and on behalf of Shirley Advance LLP