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DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

Application Ref No. 4/1029/96

Fairclough Homes Ltd Fairclough House Church Street Ware HERTS

Ian Barnett 59 Ditchfield Road Hoddesdon Herts EN11 9HS

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(Rear of) 186-264 Belswains Lane, Hemel Hempstead, Herts

ERECTION OF 4 NO.1 BEDROOM FLATS, 6 NO. 2 BEDROOM HOUSES, 3 NO 3 BEDROOM HOUSES, 2 NO. 4 BEDROOM HOUSES TOGETHER WITH ASSOCIATED PARKING PURSUANT TO PLANNING PERMISSION 4/1077/940L

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Director of Planning

Fairclough Homes

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Our Ref: AMFIPO

30th October 1996

Paul Newton Esq
Dacorum Borough Council
Civic Centre
Marlows
Hemel Hempstead
Herts
HP1 1HH

Dear Mr Newton

Re: Social Housing Land - Belswains Lane, Hemel Hempstead

This land was purchased by Fairclough Homes from Charela Holdings Ltd in March 1996 at £3,200.000.

The contamination and social housing provisions of the existing S106 agreement were taken into account in our offer.

Each of the 4.53 privately developable acres was thus valued at £706.402.

In accordance with the S106 agreement, an acre of developable land has been offered to Jephson Housing Association at 60% of open market value ie: £424.000.

The Housing Association, through their agent Paul Jolley, asked us to reduce the land figure by £9000 to £415.000 to accord with their District Valuers valuation, and this we did.

Formal offers from Fairclough Homes to the Housing Association have been made on various basis since April 1996, but to no avail.

We have been asked by Hightown Housing Association why the mix and numbers of social housing units was reduced from 21 to 15 and I confirm, once more, that this was not a Fairclough decision and enclose a copy of Jephson's agents letter of 28th March 1996 which explains the position.

You will also note that we were specifically requested not to entertain approaches from alternative housing associations, as this was "causing annoyance" to Jephson and your Council, and that Jephson had the allocation for this site.

In light of the Associations inability to proceed and uncertainty as to their own requirement, I am today withdrawing the social housing planning application that they asked us earlier to make.

Yours faithfully

Andrew M. Franklin

Regional Land Director

CC. Simon Browne Ian Weinberg

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