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Dear Phil

APPROVAL UNDER SECTION 27 OF THE HOUSING ACT 1985 TO APPOINT AN ARMS LENGTH MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION TO EXERCISE HOUSING MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS

For the avoidance of doubt, I should make clear that in respect of Area Boards the s.27 approval dated 27 March 2002, reference LAH 16/6/3, relates to Derby City Council's proposal to establish Derby Homes Limited without any Area Boards with delegated responsibilities in the first instance.

The Secretary of State has agreed that this aspect of the Council's proposals shall be the subject of further discussions between the Council and DTLR and that agreement between the Council and DTLR on whether Area Boards should be established and, if so, when and with what delegated responsibilities, shall be reached before he will consider any application from the Council for release of any of the conditional allocation of additional resources awarded in DTLR's letter of 29 November 2001.

Yours sincerely

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