BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (PERRY BARR: COMMONWEALTH GAMES ATHLETES’ VILLAGE AND LEGACY) COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2018

Statement of support from Homes England

Birmingham City Council (BCC) and Homes England have been working together for a number of years to progress the regeneration of Perry Barr, including the delivery of much needed sustainable housing growth.

Homes England acquired 5.8ha of the former Birmingham City University teaching campus in March 2017, with initial proposals to develop the site for housing.

The Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games, and in particular the Athletes’ Village, which includes Homes England’s land, presents a unique opportunity to accelerate and increase housing delivery in Perry Barr.

Homes England has engaged with BCC regarding the proposed scheme, and is fully supportive of the range of plans comprising the development of the Commonwealth Games Athletes’ Village, including significant upgrades to the transport infrastructure, improved public space, plus new residential and commercial development. These works are necessary to support both the staging of the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games and, importantly, the creation of a successful legacy. Following the Games, the Village will provide a mix of apartments and family housing, which will see the investment in infrastructure and public facilities continuing to support the comprehensive regeneration and growth of the Perry Barr area.

Homes England and BCC are seeking to agree an asset transfer, which will see BCC take ownership of the Homes England land at Perry Barr, in exchange for land in BCC’s ownership elsewhere in the city. This will enable BCC to concentrate on the delivery of the Commonwealth Games Athletes Village and will see Homes England focus on other important housing schemes in the City.

The terms of the asset transfer are agreed in principle, subject to contract and subject to formal approval by both parties, which is anticipated early 2019.

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