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Dear Lyndsay

Draft Epping forest District Council Private Sector Housing Strategy

Thank you for your letter of 12 March regarding the Epping Forest District Council's Draft Private Sector Housing Strategy covering the period 2012-2015.

Ongar Town Council approves in principal the draft strategy and welcomes a comprehensive, more effective and improved support service for private sector residents.

This Council believes that the proposed strategy will prove to be a more flexible system and will be more effective in bringing long term empty properties back into use thereby contributing to the supply of affordable housing. The Council is also appreciative that vulnerable home owners will be supported and guided through financial assistance schemes, ensuring that their needs are met whilst improving and adapting their homes.

This Strategy will not only benefit owner occupiers, leaseholders and private sector tenants but will also encourage landlords to meet minimum legal standards for their properties.

Yours sincerely

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