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Dear

We continue to support the aspirations of thousands of people in this country to buy their own home. As part of our package of investment to support these aspirations we are tackling head on the problem of empty homes. We have already cut the number of empty homes by over 40,000 since 2010. Our Housing and Growth announcement on 6 September 2012 committed a further £75 million to bringing empty homes back into use, bringing our total investment to £235 million.

On 20 June 2013, I announced £61million of this latest funding would go to successful bidders who will bring around 3,200 properties back into use as affordable accommodation. In addition I announced a further £30million to the twenty partnerships who were successful last year in being awarded funding to tackle Clusters of Empty Homes which have good market prospects but require an intensive approach to return these clusters of empty properties back into use.

Details of the funding that has been allocated to the local authority area in your constituency are attached

As our independent adviser, George Clarke, has set out in his best practice recommendations, refurbishing and upgrading existing homes should be the first and preferred option rather than demolition. This is what we are encouraging as opposed to the last Administration's top-down, large scale Whitehall targets for demolition and clearance which was both economically and environmentally wasteful. We support George's ten point review for housing regeneration areas and I am writing separately to Leaders of local authorities who received funding and have called on them to sign up to his ten point review for housing regeneration areas. Full details of this and my 20 June announcement can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/lmkmlu>.

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Funding Stream	Organisation	Scheme	Amount	Target homes
Empty Homes programme	Plus Dane Housing Group	EH2 PDG Granby	£250,000.00	10
	Plus Dane Housing Group	EH2 Liverpool Mutual Homes Empty Homes	£675,000.00	27
	Plus Dane Housing Group	EH2 Riverside Empty Homes	£225,205.00	5
	Liverpool Biennial			
	City of Liverpool YMCA			
	Progressive Lifestyle Solutions NW CIC			
Clusters of Empty Homes programme	Liverpool City Region (Restore)		£8,375,448.00	