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Dear Dr Stoate,

Parliamentary Commission on Childhood Leukaemia and EMF

I refer to your letter dated 17th May 2006 addressed to Mr Pete Redfern, George Wimpey Plc, to which he has asked me to respond.

George Wimpey, as one of the UK's leading house builders, would of course welcome any interaction with the commission and would be happy to assist in any way.

We would suggest that houses located close to power lines are reduced by an average of 10% below normal market value.

Should the Government choose to impose a moratorium on house building at certain distances from power lines, there is likelihood that this will have a negative effect on the economic viability of the development. We are, of course, unable to comment fully until such times as the level of potential restriction is known, as this would ultimately depend on how many plots are removed. The level of restriction could also mean that certain smaller sites would no longer be viable for development. Currently the internal guideline at George Wimpey restricts building within 200 meters of power lines.

We don't feel that there is the same stigma attached to underground cables as there is to overhead lines. Again, this would depend on the level of restriction and the overall size of the development.

I hope the above is of use to the commission and please do not hesitate to contact me again if we can be of further assistance.

Kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

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