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The Right Honourable Michael Gove MP
Secretary of State for Department of Local Government, Housing and
Communities

Dear Mr Gove,

Re: The CMA study on the housebuilding market

I hope you are well.

The Competition and Markets Authority has now published its housebuilding market study. It “found substantial concerns about estate management charges”. Among other advice to government it recommends “requiring councils to adopt amenities on all new housing estates”.

Clearly the reason that local councils do not adopt amenities on all new housing estates is because we cannot afford to do so. However the study highlights the issues facing homeowners in this unregulated arena which include homeowners having to pay high fees and charges to the management companies, including if they wish to sell their homes or install a shed in their garden.

Here is a link to the CMS press release for your convenience:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/cma-finds-fundamental-concerns-in-housebuilding-market>

I am writing to ask that your officials urgently investigate this matter further and put in place some regulatory controls to manage these estate management companies. I look forward to hearing your response.

Best wishes,



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