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Dear Ben,

Thank you for your email of 9<sup>th</sup> April to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP and myself in which you requested the recovery of the appeals below relating to proposals for housing in Goosnargh and Longridge:

APP/N2345/W/20/3257357  
APP/N2345/W/20/3258890  
APP/N2345/W/20/3258894  
APP/N2345/W/20/3258896  
APP/N2345/W/20/3258898  
APP/N2345/W/20/3258912  
APP/N2345/W/21/3267524

I have been asked to reply as this matter falls within my ministerial responsibilities.

With regard to the appeals I understand the concerns you have raised in relation to the Council's refusals of the applications and I fully respect these, but I could only agree to recover the appeals where the proposals triggered the recovery criteria and raised issues of significance beyond the local area.

Having thought carefully about this I do not believe the appeals meet these tests and I have come to the view that they should be determined by an Inspector who will take full account of the relevant development plan documents and the evidence put forward at the inquiry, both in support and against the proposals, in coming to his decision.

I have asked the Planning Inspectorate, who are administering the appeal, to ensure you are notified of the Inspector's decision in due course.

**RT HON CHRISTOPHER PINCHER MP**