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SDA: WOODEND ESTATE

At our meeting on 13 November I undertook to make enquiries about progress on the Woodend development at Cowdenbeath which you claimed had experienced delays.

The SDA has advised me that the property in question is a factory complex which was formerly owned by Fisher Controls and is now in the Agency's possession. Fisher Controls terminated their lease in May this year and the Agency has experienced difficulty in re-letting the property. The Agency has therefore had plans prepared for the demolition of 25,000 sq ft of substandard extensions and for the refurbishment of the main building which can later be sub-divided as necessary to meet the needs of incoming tenants. The Agency is undertaking this development at its own hand.

The Agency is also having active discussions with a potential private developer about plans to build new units (4 x 1000 sq ft and 3 x 2000 sq ft).

It would appear therefore that this development is progressing as quickly as practicable.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Dick Douglas.

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