To whom it may concern,

As an accomplished and dedicated environmental professional with over 12 years of Local Government and private sector experience working to maintain and preserve the natural environment, I have gained significant experience, knowledge and technical skill that demonstrates my suitability for the role of Senior Engineer at Story Homes.  
  
In 2022, I became a Chartered Water and Environmental Manager and Chartered Environmentalist through the Chartered Institution of Water and Environment Management. This demonstrates my professionalism and capability within my area of expertise and also highlights my ongoing commitment to continuous professional development.  
  
I am a dedicated and hardworking individual whose professional expertise and demonstrable experience of the being an Associate Director for Drainage Engineering lends itself to the Senior Engineer role. I'm excited by all the challenges inherent in the position and look forward to the opportunities it presents. This statement, read in conjunction with my CV, provides evidence of my strong suitability for the post and highlights my planning knowledge, technical skills, professionalism, and practical ability to fulfil the requirements of the role.  
  
The roles I have occupied within my career to date have encompassed sectors including civil engineering for residential and commercial developments (highways and drainage), Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP), nuclear, flood risk management, asset management and countryside management.

In my current role as an Associate Director: Flood Risk and Drainage at AL Daines and Partners I have developed my ability to assimilate large volumes of information to reach concise, well-reasoned and rational conclusions on highly complex issues for a variety of development proposals. I present my recommendations to clients in a factual and objective manner explaining complex issues and avoiding or carefully explaining technical terms and jargon, always aware of my audience. This role is pivotal in supporting client's growing and diverse workload within the Flood Risk and Drainage sector. My responsibilities span the complete project lifecycle, from establishing strong client relationships to managing work delivery within set timelines and budgets. Additionally, I drive the sustainable drainage system design, ensure compliance with regulations, and contribute to the overall growth and development of the team.

In my previous role as Flood and Development Management Officer I produced technical advice and recommendations to fulfil the Council’s Development Management responsibility for providing a formal response to statutory consultations associated with applications for planning permission and major/strategic infrastructure projects (including Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP)) throughout the county. Being part of an interdisciplinary team, I worked closely with planners in each of the seven Local Planning Authorities across Cumbria and gained practical experience of dealing with a variety of complex planning issues, including technical highway and flooding matters. I provided approximately 230 detailed statutory responses per year to consultations made pursuant to the Planning Act for a range of development types which vary in scale and complexity. This includes minor and major residential schemes, energy schemes including solar and wind farms, NSIP, new school construction and retail and other commercial developments. All of which present their own unique material considerations and require the resolution of complex and often competing issues and interests. This demonstrates effective time management skills as I produced high quality decisions within the statutory 21-day timescale.

Your sincerely,

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