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#### REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2006

# OFFICERS AND PROFESSIONAL ADVISERS DIRECTORS

P J Davies

D W Tilman

C G M Coates

H AF Todd

I Ralston

P B Golding

G Taylor

P I Parkhouse

G J Durden

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#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT**

The directors present their annual report and the audited financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2006.

#### PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The company's principal activities are the building and selling of residential homes.

#### **BUSINESS REVIEW**

In 2006 the Company sold 275 (2005: 390) homes. The percentage of homes completed which were provided for social housing was much lower at 5% (2005: 28%) but there was a significant amount of social housing in progress at the year end which will legally complete in 2007. With the continuing influence of government planning guidelines increasing development density, the number of private apartments completed in the year remained high at 78% (2005: 94%) of private homes.

Total sales revenue in the year increased to £86,569,000 (2005: £68,929,000), with the average selling price of private homes increasing to £281,000 (2005: £218,000) reflecting the higher level of private house with a higher average selling price. As a result of improved land buying, a strong focus on customer service and rigorous cost reduction programmes, the gross profit percentage on homes although lower than last year has been maintained above target levels at 21.2% (2005: 22.2%).

Total overheads have increased to £4,447,000 (2005: £3,800,000) reflecting salary increases and some increase in headcount to cope with additional business activity on 2007 sites, but has reduced as a percentage of sales to 5.1% (2005: 5.5%). As a result of the factors above, the operating profit for the Group – expressed as a percentage of sales – has been maintained at a high level of 16.0% (2005: 16.8%).

The detailed financial results are set out in the profit and loss account on page 8.

The Company made a profit on ordinary activities after taxation of £8,246,000 (2005: £7,206,000). No dividend for the year was paid in the year (2005: £5,700,000).

During 2006, we increased the overall number of staff employed to 80 (2005: 77) to allow us to cope efficiently with the higher business activity levels.

A major element of the overall business strategy has been to increase the size of its land bank for future development. The total number of plots owned or controlled at 31st December 2006 has been increased to 1108 (2005: 962). Of this total, 75% (2005: 85%) had either outline or detailed planning consent, which we expect to develop over the next few years.

#### Principal Risks and Uncertainties

Housebuilding is affected by a number of economic factors such as changes in the general economic conditions and market confidence. These risks are managed - or mitigated - wherever possible, for example, by building properties in line with sales demand so as to reduce the risk of unsold properties. Interest rate exposure is reduced by taking out swap contracts at a Group level to give certainty on a percentage of expected future borrowings.

#### DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)

#### BUSINESS REVIEW

Another key risk within the sector is achieving residential planning consent for land purchased. Professional planning consultants are used to improve the quality of planning applications and the majority of land is contracted on a 'Subject to Planning' basis, so that the major land expense is only committed once a satisfactory planning consent is achieved. Changes to government regulations, planning and environmental policy and taxation policy are closely monitored to ensure action can be taken to minimise any potential future cost implications.

The directors pay particular attention to their responsibilities for Health and Safety in the operation of the Company's development sites with comprehensive Health and Safety training being undertaken by staff and inspections by independent, professional Health and Safety organisations being carried out on all sites at least once a month.

#### **FUTURE PROSPECTS**

The company has established itself in the market place and has acquired land at Slough, Enfield, Farnham Royal, Winnersh and St Albans, in addition to new sites being identified. The directors ensure that the company is well situated to benefit from the market in the Chiltern area.

#### DIRECTORS AND THEIR INTERESTS

The Directors listed on page 1 held office throughout the year, except where noted.

No director had any interest in the shares or debentures of the company at any time during the year.

The beneficial interests in the ordinary shares of the ultimate parent company, Linden Holdings PLC, were as follows:

	31 December 2006 Number	31 December 2005 Number
	1 (diribe)	Number
P J Golding	55,000	55,000
HAF Todd	60,000	60,000
I Ralston	81,000	81,000
P I Parkhouse	81,000	81,000
G Taylor	50,000	50,000
G J Durden	81,000	81,000

The interests of P J Davies, C G M Coates and D W Tilman in the ultimate parent company, Linden Holdings PLC, are disclosed in the accounts of Linden Holdings PLC.

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

Linden Group uses medium term loans in order to finance its operations. Its subsidiaries participate in a revolving credit facility which is provided as part of this loan. Interest rate risk is mitigated by entering into swap agreements at Group level which fix the floating interest rate on the loan facilities.

The Group's credit risk is attributable to its debtors, which are presented in the balance sheet net of any provision for bad debts. The Group only enters into material transactions with reputable and established businesses. The Group mitigates its cash flow risk by maintaining a rolling cash flow forecast which is regularly updated for any changes in the business. This forecast is used to assess the entity's ability to meet its future cash commitments and to ensure that loan covenants will be met. The Group does not consider any price risk to be material.

#### **DIRECTORS' REPORT (continued)**

#### **DONATIONS**

During the year, the company made charitable donations of £3,185 (2005: £4,578).

#### POLICY ON PAYMENT OF CREDITORS

It is the company's normal practice to make payments to suppliers in accordance with agreed terms provided that the supplier has performed in accordance with the relevant terms and conditions. At 31 December 2006, the number of days credit taken for purchases by the company was 34 days (2005: 37 days).

#### **DIRECTORS' SHARE OPTIONS**

The following directors have been granted share options in 'A' Ordinary shares in the ultimate parent company, Linden Holdings PLC.

	N	Number of options				Expiry
	1 January 2006	Granted in year	31 December 2006	Price	which exercisable	Date
P B Golding	21,000	-	21,000	370p	29 April 2007	29 April 2010
G Taylor	31,000	-	31,000	370p	29 April 2007	29 April 2010
HAF Todd	21,000	-	21,000	370p	29 April 2007	29 April 2010

#### PROVISION OF INFORMATION TO AUDITORS

Each of the persons who is a director at the date of approval of this report confirms that:

- (1) so far as the director is aware, there is no relevant audit information of which the company's auditors are unaware; and
- (2) the director has taken all the steps that he ought to have taken as a director in order to make himself aware of any relevant audit information and to establish that the company's auditors are aware of that information.

This confirmation is given and should be interpreted in accordance with the provisions of s234ZA of the Companies Act 1985.

#### EVENTS AFTER THE BALANCE SHEET DATE

See note 22

#### **AUDITORS**

Deloitte & Touche LLP have indicated their willingness to continue in office, however given the acquisition of the Company by Galliford Try plc a review of the appointment of auditors will be taken prior to the forthcoming Annual General Meeting.

Approved by the Board of Directors and signed on behalf of the Board

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Secretary

5 March 2007

#### STATEMENT OF DIRECTORS' RESPONSBILITIES

The directors are responsible for preparing the Annual Report and the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and regulations.

Company law requires the directors to prepare financial statements for each financial year. Under that law the directors have elected to prepare the financial statements in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice (United Kingdom Accounting Standards and applicable law). The financial statements are required by law to give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of the company and of the profit of the company for the year. In preparing these financial statements, the directors are required to:

- · select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- · make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- · state whether applicable UK Accounting Standards have been followed, subject to any material departures disclosed and explained in the financial statements; and
- · prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the company will continue in business.

The directors are responsible for keeping proper accounting records that disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of the company and enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with the Companies Act 1985. They are also responsible for safeguarding the assets of the company and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The directors are responsible for the maintenance and integrity of the corporate and financial information included on the company's website. Legislation in the United Kingdom governing the preparation and dissemination of financial statements may differ from legislation in other jurisdictions.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LINDEN HOMES CHILTERN LIMITED

We have audited the financial statements of Linden Homes Chiltern Limited for the year ended 31 December 2006 which comprise the profit and loss account, the statement of total recognised gains and losses, the balance sheet, and the related notes 1 to 20. These financial statements have been prepared under the accounting policies set out therein.

This report is made solely to the company's members, as a body, in accordance with section 235 of the Companies Act 1985. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the company's members those matters we are required to state to them in an auditors' report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the company and the company's members as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

#### Respective responsibilities of directors and auditors

The directors' responsibilities for preparing the financial statements in accordance with applicable law and United Kingdom Accounting Standards (United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice) are set out in the Statement of Directors' Responsibilities.

Our responsibility is to audit the financial statements in accordance with relevant legal and regulatory requirements and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland).

We report to you our opinion as to whether the financial statements give a true and fair view and are properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985. We also report to you whether in our opinion the information given in the directors' report is consistent with the financial statements.

In addition we report to you if, in our opinion, the company has not kept proper accounting records, if we have not received all the information and explanations we required for our audit, or if information specified by law regarding directors' remuneration and other transactions is not disclosed.

We read the directors' report and consider the implications for our report if we become aware of any apparent misstatements within it.

#### Basis of audit opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Auditing Practices Board. An audit includes examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. It also includes an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the financial statements, and of whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the company's circumstances, consistently applied and adequately disclosed.

We planned and performed our audit so as to obtain all the information and explanations which we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence to give reasonable assurance that the financial statements are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or other irregularity or error. In forming our opinion we also evaluated the overall adequacy of the presentation of information in the financial statements.

# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE MEMBERS OF LINDEN HOMES CHILTERN LIMITED (continued)

#### Opinion

In our opinion:

- the financial statements give a true and fair view, in accordance with United Kingdom Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the state of the company's affairs as at 31 December 2006 and of its profit for the year then ended;
- the financial statements have been properly prepared in accordance with the Companies Act 1985; and
- the information given in the Directors' Report is consistent with the financial statements.

#### Emphasis of matter - Going Concern

Without qualifying our opinion, we draw attention to note 20 of the financial statements concerning the sale of the company and the impact this will have on the company's ability to continue as a going concern, which is dependent on the plans of the new owners and the availability of necessary funding. Whilst the directors consider that the company is a going concern, as the sale has not yet completed, the intentions of future management are uncertain, including the amount of support, if any, available to the company in the form of guarantees or loans from its new parent. These conditions indicate the existence of a material uncertainty which may cast significant doubt about the company's ability to continue as a going concern. The financial statements do not include the adjustments that would result if the company was unable to continue as a going concern as it is not practicable to determine or quantify them.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

Chartered Accountants and Registered Auditors London 5 March 2007

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# PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT Year ended 31 December 2006

	<u>Notes</u>	2006 £'000	Restated * 2005 £'000
TURNOVER	2	86,569	68,929
Cost of sales		(68,243)	(53,583)
GROSS PROFIT		18,326	15,346
Administrative expenses		(4,468)	(3,779)
OPERATING PROFIT	3	13,858	11,567
Other interest receivable and similar income	4	6	85
Interest payable and similar charges	5	(2,051)	(1,441)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES BEFORE TAXATION		11,813	10,211
Tax on profit on ordinary activities	7	(3,567)	(3,005)
PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES AFTER TAXATION		8,246	7,206
Dividend paid	8	-	(5,700)
PROFIT RETAINED AND TRANSFERRED TO RESERVES	14	8,246	1,506
All amounts derive from continuing operations.		<del> </del>	
STATEMENT OF TOTAL RECOGNISED	GAINS AND LOSSES		TD 144
		2006 <b>£</b> '000	Restated * 2005 £'000
Total recognised profit since previous year end		8,246	1,506
Prior year adjustment on adoption of FRS 20		(24)	
Total recognised gains and losses since last annual	report	8,222	

<sup>\*</sup> Prior year restated to reflect the adoption of FRS 20.

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

#### as at 31 December 2006

	Notes	2006 £'000	2005 £¹000
FIXED ASSETS		~	
Tangible assets	9	676	687
CURRENT ASSETS			
Stocks	10	69,313	50,944
Debtors: amounts due within one year	11	2,431	1,848
Debtors: amounts due after more than one year	11	698	698
Chrottone		72,442	53,490
CREDITORS: amounts falling due within one year	12	(50,832)	(40,191)
NET CURRENT ASSETS		21,610	13,299
NET ASSETS		22,286	13,986
CAPITAL AND RESERVES			
Called up share capital	13	10	10
Profit and loss account	14	22,276	13,976
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	15	22,286	13,986

<sup>\*</sup> Prior year restated to reflect the adoption of FRS 20.

The financial statements were approved by the Board of Directors on 5 March 2007 Signed on behalf of the Board of Directors

D W Tilman

Director

#### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with applicable United Kingdom law and accounting standards. The particular accounting policies adopted are described below and have been applied consistently in the current and prior year except for the adoption of FRS 20 Share-based payment, which requires the recognition of the fair value of options granted to be recognised in the profit and loss account. The 2005 results have been restated. See Note 16.

#### Accounting convention

The financial statements are prepared under the historical cost convention.

#### Turnover

Turnover relates to the sale of houses (recognised on the financial completion of the sale of the house) and of land (recognised on the unconditional exchange of contracts). The recognition of Housing Association turnover is dependent on the stage of completion based on an external valuation. Contracting turnover represents amounts received from joint ventures within the Group in relation to work performed on sites held by those joint ventures.

#### Tangible fixed assets

Depreciation is provided in equal instalments over the estimated useful lives of the assets and is calculated on the cost of the assets. Depreciation is not provided on freehold land.

The following rates are used:

Office equipment, fixtures and fittings 20-33% Freehold buildings 2%

#### Stocks

Stocks of land and work in progress are valued at the lower of invoiced cost and net realisable value. Work in progress comprises direct site costs including materials and labour. Part exchange properties are included at the lower of cost and net realisable value.

#### Taxation

Current tax, including UK corporation tax and foreign tax, is provided at amounts expected to be paid (or recovered) using the tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date.

Deferred tax is recognised in respect of all timing differences that have originated but not reversed at the balance sheet date where transactions or events that result in an obligation to pay more tax in the future or a right to pay less tax in the future have occurred at the balance sheet date. Timing differences are differences between the group's taxable profits and its results as stated in the financial statements that arise from the inclusion of gains and losses in tax assessments in periods different from those in which they are recognised in the financial statements.

A net deferred tax asset is regarded as recoverable and therefore recognised only to the extent that, on the basis of all available evidence, it can be regarded as more likely than not that there will be suitable taxable profits from which the future reversal of the underlying timing differences can be deducted.

Deferred tax is not recognised when fixed assets are revalued unless by the balance sheet date there is a binding agreement to sell the revalued assets and the gain or loss expected to arise on sale has been recognised in the financial statements. Neither is deferred tax recognised when fixed assets are sold and it is more likely than not that the taxable gain will be rolled over, being charged to tax only if and when the replacement assets are sold.

#### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### 1. ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

#### Taxation

#### (continued)

Deferred tax is measured at the average tax rates that are expected to apply in the periods in which the timing differences are expected to reverse, based on tax rates and laws that have been enacted or substantively enacted by the balance sheet date. Deferred tax is measured on a non-discounted basis.

#### Pension costs

The Company participates in a Group Personal Pension Plan which is a defined contribution scheme. The pension cost charge represents contributions payable by the Company to the plan for the year. Differences between contributions payable in the year and contributions actually paid are included within accruals and prepayments.

#### Cash Flow Statement

The company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Linden Holdings plc and the cash flows for the company have been included in the consolidated cashflow statment of Linden Holdings plc. Consequently the company is exempt under Financial Reporting Standard 1 (revised) from the requirement to prepare a cashflow statement.

#### **Gross Profit**

Gross profit is recognised by applying the forecast margin on sites to all elements of turnover on that site. The margin recognised in the current year is calculated on the overall margin which is forecast on the cumulative turnover for the current and future years. No revision is made to profit already recognised in prior years. The Group recognises forecast losses in full in the year the losses are identified.

#### **Debtots**

The Group operates a shared equity scheme, under which part of the agreed sales price for a residential property can be deferred until the earlier of 10 years, remortgage or resale of the property. Amounts receivable by the Group under this scheme are disclosed as debtors due after more than one year and are fair valued at each year end, with the corresponding movement in fair value being recognised through revenue.

#### Share-based payment

The company has applied the requirements of FRS 20 Share-based Payment. In accordance with the transitional provisions, FRS 20 has been applied to all grants of equity instruments after 7 November 2002, that were unvested as at 1 January 2006.

The group issues equity-settled share based payments to certain employees. Equity-settled share-based payments are measured at their fair value (excluding the effect of non-market based market conditions) at the date of grant. The fair value determined at the grant date of the equity-settled share-based payments is expensed on a straight-line basis over the vesting period, based on the company's estimate of the shares that will eventually vest and adjusted for the effect of non market-based vesting conditions.

Fair value is measured by use "binomial" or "lattice" option pricing method, with suitable modifications. The expected number of awards vesting is based on the Company's best estimate of the number of employees to remain in service.

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

# 2. TURNOVER

A segmental analysis of turnover between housing developments and contracting turnover is set out below. All turnover arose within the UK.

		2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	Housing developments	86,569	68,929
3.	OPERATING PROFIT		
	Operating profit is after charging -	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	Depreciation - owned assets Auditors' remuneration	33	24
	- audit fees - other services - taxation services	22 8 5	30 - 6
	Rentals under operating leases - hire of other assets	81	65
4.	INTEREST RECEIVABLE AND SIMILAR INCOME	2006 £'000	2005 £¹000
	Group interest received on intercompany balance	6	85
		6	85
5.	INTEREST PAYABLE AND SIMILAR CHARGES	2006 £'000	2005 <b>£</b> '000
	Group interest paid on intercompany balance	2,051	1,441
		2,051	1,441

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

# 6. INFORMATION REGARDING DIRECTORS AND EMPLOYEES

Directors' remuneration	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Directors' emoluments (including benefits in kind) Company contributions to money purchase schemes	1,207 45	1,056 44
	1,252	1,100
Emoluments of highest paid director	419	321
Company contributions to money purchase schemes of highest paid director	14	16
	433	337
	Number	Number
Number of directors included in a money purchase scheme	5	5
Average number of persons employed (including Directors)	2006 Number	2005 Number
Administration and management	44	42
Construction Sales and marketing	26 12	37 9
	82	88
		Restated *
Employee costs during the year (including Directors)	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Wages and salaries	3,864	3,645
Social security costs	446	417
Other pension costs Equity settled Share-based Payments	82 54	73 24
	4,446	4,159
* Prior year adjustment in relation to ERS 20 (see note 16)	<del></del>	

<sup>\*</sup> Prior year adjustment in relation to FRS 20 (see note 16)

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

7.	TAX ON PROFIT ON ORDINARY ACTIVITIES	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	United Kingdom corporation tax at 30 %	3,524	2,802
	Group relief	-	222
	Adjustment in respect of prior years	43	2
		3,567	3,026
	Deferred Taxation: Timing Differences	_	(21)
		3,567	3,005
	A deferred tax balance of £7,000 has not been recognised in respect of timing differe £23,000 and share options £16,000 on the grounds of matertiality (2005: £23,000 provided		
		2006 £'000	Restated * 2005 £'000
	Profit on ordinary activities before tax	11,813	10,211
	Tax at 30% thereon:	3,544	3,063
	Factors affecting charge for the period:		
	Expenses not deductible for tax purposes	33	15
	Capital allowances in excess of depreciation		(2)
	Adjustments to tax charge in respect of prior periods	43	2
	Land remediation tax credit	(53)	(52)
	Current tax charge for the period	3,567	3,026
	* Prior year adjustment in relation to FRS 20 (see note 16)		
8.	DIVIDENDS	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	Paid —£nil per ordinary share (2005 — £570.00)	-	5,700

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

9.	TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS	Office equipment, fixtures & fittings	Freehold buildings £'000	Total £'000
	Cost At 1st January 2006 Additions	80 22	750 -	830 22
	At 31st December 2006	102	750	852
	Depreciation	<del></del>	<del></del>	
	At 1st January 2006	65	78	143
	Charge for the year	18	15	33
	At 31st December 2006	83	93	176
	Net Book Value			<del></del>
	At 31st December 2006	19	657	676
	At 31st December 2005	15	672	687
10.	STOCKS		2006 £'000	2005 £'000
	Land and land options		57,946	32,883
	Land and land options Work-in-progress		10,599	16,957
	Part exchange properties	-	768	1,104
		E	69,313	50,944
11.	DEBTORS		2006 £'000	2005 <b>£'</b> 000
	Amounts due within one year		~	~
	Trade debtors		1,974	480
	Other debtors		332	942
	Prepayments and accrued income Group relief	<u>-</u>	125	80 346
			2,431	1,848
		=	<u></u>	

# Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

11. DEBTORS (cont.)	2006 £'000	2005 £'000
Amounts due after more than one year		
Shared equity debtors *	698	698

<sup>\*</sup> Shared equity debtors relate to amounts due from the sale of residential properties deferred until the earlier of 10 years, remortgage or resale of the property. The debt is secured against the property to which it relates.

2005
£'000
21,536
3,689
12,040
361
-
1,672
481
412
40,191
2005 £'000
223
2005 £'000
10
10
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#### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

14. STATEMENT OF MOVEMENT ON RESERVES		Profit and loss account
At 1 January 2006		13,976
Profit for the year Capital contribution from parent company for satisfaction of share options awards		8,246 54
At 31 December 2006		22,276
15. RECONCILIATION OF MOVEMENT IN SHAREHOLDERS' FUNDS	2006 <b>£</b> '000	Restated * 2005 £'000
Retained profit for the year  Capital contribution from parent company for satisfaction of parent company awards	8,246 54	1,506 24
Opening shareholders' funds	13,986	12,456
Closing shareholders' funds	22,286	13,986

#### 16. EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE OPTION SCHEME

\* Prior year adjustment in relation to FRS 20

The company has a share option scheme for invited employees of the Group. Options are exercisable at a price equal to the market price of the Company's shares at the date of grant. The vesting period is two years. If the options remain unexercised after a period of 5 years from the date of grant, the options expire. Options are forfeited if the employee leaves the Group before the options vest.

#### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### 16. EQUITY-SETTLED SHARE OPTION SCHEME (continued)

Details of the share options outstanding during the year are as follows;

	2006		2005	
	Number of	Weighted	Number of	Weighted
	Share Options	average	Share Options	average
		exercise price	<del>-</del>	exercise price
Outstanding at beginning of year	98,000	£3.13	25,000	£1.45
Granted during the year	34,000	£3.70	73,000	£3.70
Forfeited during the year	-	-	-	-
Exercised during the year	-	-	-	-
Expired during the year	-	•	-	-
Outstanding at the end of the year	132,000	£3.27	98,000	£3.13
Exercisable at the end of the year	25,000	£1.45	25,000	£1.45

No options were exercised during the year. The options outstanding at 31 December 2006 had a weighted average exercise price of £3.70 and a weighted average remaining contractual life of 3 years 2 months.

In 2006, options were granted in March 2006 and June 2006. The aggregate of the estimated fair values of the options granted on those dates is £3.70. In 2005, options were granted in March 2005. The aggregate of the fair values of the options granted on those dates is £3.70.

The inputs in to the binomial or lattice pricing model are as follows;

Weighted average share price	£3.70	£3.70
Weighted average exercise price	£3.70	£3.70
Expected volatility	30%	33%
Risk free rate	4.7	4.3
Expected dividends	0	0

As Linden is not listed, expected volatility was determined by calculating the historical volatility of similar listed entities and added a margin due to the fact that Linden is a smaller company.

The group recognised total expenses of £281,000 and £123,000 related to equity-settled share-based payment transactions in 2006 and 2005 respectively.

#### 17. OPERATING LEASE COMMITMENTS

At 31 December 2006 the company was committed to making the following payments during the next year in respect of operating leases:

T 111 .	2006 Other £'000	2005 Other £'000
Leases which expire:		
Within one year	55	65
Within two to five years	52	
	107	118

#### Notes to the accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

#### 18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Uberior Ventures PLC is a related party by virtue of its 35.2% shareholding in Linden Holdings PLC. Uberior Ventures PLC is owned by the Bank of Scotland, the Company's bankers. The company has taken advantage of the exemption in paragraph 3(c) of FRS 8 'Related Party Disclosures' from disclosing transactions with related parties that are part of the Linden Holdings PLC Group.

During the year Mr Coates, Managing Director, purchased a property from Linden Homes South East Limited, a Group Company for £160,000 which was at fair market value.

#### 19. ULTIMATE PARENT COMPANY

The ultimate parent company and controlling party is Linden Holdings PLC, a company incorporated in England and Wales. The immediate parent company is Linden Limited. Copies of the Group financial statements of Linden Holdings PLC are available from Linden House, Guards' Avenue, Caterham, Surrey. CR3 5XL.

The largest and smallest group that consolidates this company is Linden Holdings PLC.

#### 20. CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

Within the Linden Holdings PLC Group, all subsidiary companies have a cross guarantee against fellow Group companies overdraft facilities.

The maximum exposure under this cross guarantee at 31 December 2006 was £144,968,000 (2005: £151,038,000).

#### 20. POST BALANCE SHEET EVENT

On 6th September 2006 the Company announced that it had appointed NM Rothschild & Sons Limited to seek offers for the business. Following a rigorous sale process and the appropriate due diligence by prospective purchasers an agreement was reached with Galliford Try plc. As a result on 8th February 2007 Galliford Try plc announced a formal offer to purchase all the issued share capital of the Company. The offer is for a maximum consideration of £12.01 per share, valuing the business at £108.48million. The offer has been unanimously recommended by the Board and has been accepted by all of the Company's shareholders. The offer was conditional upon approval by the shareholders of Galliford Try plc who held an Extraordinary General Meeting for this purpose on 5th March 2007. Having received the requisite approval the offer will be declared unconditional on 6th March 2007 and the acquisition will complete.

With the resultant change of control of Linden, the company's banking facilities with Bank of Scotland will require prepayment in full.

A new enlarged banking facility for Galliford Try plc has been negotiated and is being put in place on the acquisition of Linden. This is supported further by a new equity rights issue of £150 million. Linden directors have been involved with Galliford Try plc to develop plans for the ongoing development of the Linden Group of companies following integration with their house building division. The Linden directors are satisfied that sufficient funding and long term plans are in place for the ongoing business and are therefore satisfied that the Financial Statements can be prepared on a going concern basis.