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Dear Mark Stevenson,

On 30 June, the Prime Minister announced that government is bringing forward £5 billion of capital investment projects, supporting jobs and the economic recovery.

Thank you for submitting your proposal for the £750,000 in accelerated funding. This grant is being offered to your town to fund capital projects that are in line with the Towns Fund intervention framework.

We are pleased to confirm that funding will be made available for all the projects listed in your proposal. Your Lead Council should receive payment on or around 30 September via a S31 grant.

We remind you that this funding must be spent this financial year, on the projects approved by your Lead Council's S151 officer.

As you know, the Towns Fund aims to unleash the economic success of towns and high streets across the country, levelling up communities and ensuring everyone can contribute to and benefit from economic growth.

The impact of Covid-19 makes these investments more important than ever. We know the past few months have been hugely challenging for communities across the country and we hope that the funding that government has brought forward to this financial year will make an immediate impact in towns. The capital projects you have identified to receive accelerated funding will be key in supporting the growth and recovery of our towns during the pandemic.

We look forward to continuing to work with you.

Robert Jennick.

Yours sincerely,