

Date: 18 July 2022

To whom it may concern

As the stakeholders of the Andover Vision, we are writing to confirm our support for The 'Andover Revealed' levelling up project. This exciting project will transform our historic town, kick starting its next phase of economic development and targeting pockets of deprivation.

As stakeholders and residents of Andover, we have been working closely with Test Valley Borough Council through the Andover Vision to develop a masterplan that meets the current and future needs of our communities within the town. This community-led approach has enabled everyone to have an opportunity to shape the future of the town, ensuring that the approach to regeneration is inclusive bringing new opportunities for the people of Andover.

The plans to develop a showpiece attraction in the heart of the town centre that will include a new theatre, discovery centre and provision of community spaces will bring the town centre to life curating a better mix of uses and making it a vibrant place that people can spend time in and enjoy.

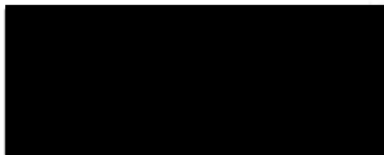
Reconnecting the town with the River Anton has been a major ambition of the Andover Vision for many years. The proposed creation of a new riverside park and the removal of Western Avenue including the demolition of the derelict Magistrates Court, will provide an iconic green space for residents and visitors, creating a new high quality destination for the town centre. This will be a game-changer for how people experience the natural environment of our town and the new connectivity it will bring as part of an improved gateway from the train station.

We are passionate about our town and we believe the Andover Revealed levelling up project will make a once in a generation change that will deliver new opportunities and improve the quality of life for our communities within Andover.

Yours faithfully  
Andover Vision Stakeholders



Andover Vision Stakeholders signing the letter at the meeting at St Mary's Church on 18 July 2022



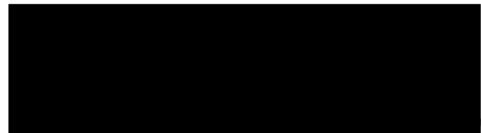
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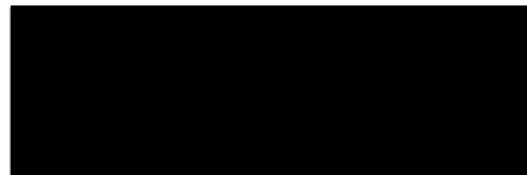
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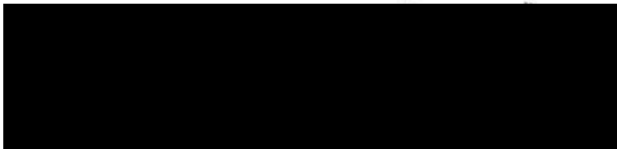
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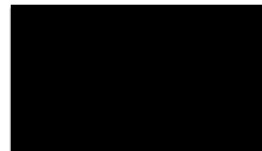
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**Our ref:**  
**Your ref:**

28 June 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to give my full backing to Test Valley Borough Council for their Levelling up Fund bid for the Andover Town Centre regeneration project.

I am the police commander covering Andover and have been in this role since 2012. The Town Centre is within the St Mary's beat area. This beat area has the highest volume of criminal offending across Andover with 1723 (39%) crimes recorded in 2021/22. There were 4374 crimes recorded in Andover during 2021/22. The neighbouring beat area (Alamein) had 1197 (27.3%) crimes recorded.

In the town centre during 2021/22 the following offences were recorded:

- 789 violent offences
- 81 sexual offences
- 20 robbery offences
- 311 thefts
- 108 criminal damage offences
- 73 drug offences
- 30 possession of weapon offences
- 261 public order offences
- 50 miscellaneous offences

In addition to the criminal offences there were 316 instances of Anti-Social behaviour reported.

We work closely with Test valley Borough Council to tackle many of the crime and disorder issues that occur. Physical and cultural regeneration of Andover Town will in my view create the environment to reduce crime and increase feelings of safety for those who use the town's facilities.



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The plans Test Valley Borough Council has for Andover are innovative and the strong case for investment within the Andover Revealed bid will bring long term benefits to the town.

Yours faithfully



Chief Inspector Kory Thorne  
Test Valley District Commander  
Hampshire Constabulary

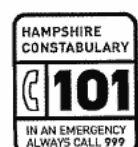


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23<sup>rd</sup> June 2022

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to give my full backing to Test Valley Borough Council for their Levelling Up Fund bid for the Andover Town Centre regeneration project.

Like many market towns, Andover has an impression of safety. However, this is a misconception. In fact, it is the second most dangerous medium-sized town in Hampshire with a crime rate of 91 crimes per 1000 people, significantly above the South-East average of 69.1 per 1000, and the UK crime rate of 80 crimes per 1000. I am fully aware of the challenges it faces some of which are akin to urban cities with regards to inequalities of crime, education and health. Those residential estates closest to the town are some of the most deprived in the country with the crime indices, as described above, being particularly staggering.

The Council is working with its partners to buck this trend and make a difference to people's futures through creating civic pride within the town. This civic pride is created by both the physical and cultural regeneration through the Council's masterplan proposals and complementary diverse series of events.

We are all familiar with the benefits that can come forward by creating a multi-functional active town centre with homes, businesses and entertainment linked through an improved public realm. The Council's plans to do this within Andover will create an improved sense of safety and civic pride, reducing both crime and the fear of crime and creating a town centre where people feel safe, particularly in the evening.

Their plans can only be seen as a transformative and provide the right environment to truly change the town for the benefit of the communities it serves.

Yours faithfully



Donna Jones  
Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire & Isle of Wight



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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

**The 'Andover Uncovered' Levelling Up Project**

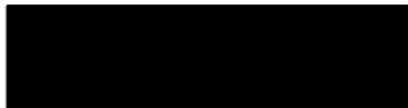
Hampshire Chamber of Commerce incorporating Andover Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Test Valley Borough Council's 'Andover Uncovered' Levelling Up Project bid.

We have a number of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce Members within the Andover and Test Valley area including Romsey and Stockbridge. There is the need to regenerate and highlight the historic parts of the town and showcase Andover as a place of activity, leisure, and participation. We support the proposals for:

- The provision of leisure facilities, creative spaces, and attractions to increase footfall during the day and the night-time economy.
- To have community/public spaces, and green open spaces to create an environment that can be utilized by all and assist with health and wellbeing.
- Importantly to have an effective transport system to enable movement in and out of the town, and encouraging alternative means of sustainable transport, and cycle routes and walkways.
- Generating further business investment in the town, which is essential to strengthen education and skills needs, job opportunities, and to assist in crime reduction.
- To create a town in which people wish to live, work, study, visit, and have pride.

Hampshire Chamber of Commerce together with Andover Chamber of Commerce fully support Test Valley Borough Council with it's 'Andover Uncovered' Levelling Up Project Bid and look forward to assisting the Test Valley Borough Council in any way that it can.

Your sincerely



**Ross McNally**  
**Chief Executive/Executive Chair**  
**Hampshire Chamber of Commerce**



# Hampshire County Council

Councillor Rob Humby  
*Leader of the County Council*

Our ref: O-LO-2022-017

28 June 2022

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Councillor Phil North  
Leader of Test Valley Borough Council  
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Dear Phil

I am writing to express my support for the Andover levelling up bid. It has a number of transport improvements and so Hampshire County Council as the responsible Local Highway Authority would also like to formally confirm our approval for these to be included.

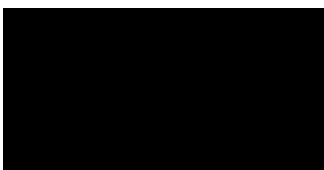
Both authorities have common ground and shared ambitions for supporting our communities by providing the required infrastructure necessary to improve the town. The schemes included within the bid act as an important catalyst for bringing forward the masterplan with its homes, office and mix used schemes.

The County and Borough Council have a long standing working relationship and one that has been formalised into a joint governance structure to help ensure delivery of the regeneration schemes. This gives us confidence that the bid will have an excellent management case and an effective way of delivering change.

The Western Avenue and Riverside Walk schemes identified within the bid are the main transport elements and have the potential to have a transformational impact on the way people move around and access the town centre. By doing so I can see it will make the town centre more liveable, vibrant and help decarbonise transport.

I wish Test Valley Borough Council every luck with their submission and encourage the LUF assessment team to look closely at the data which supports a strong case for levelling up Andover.

Yours sincerely



**Rob Humby**  
Leader  
Hampshire County Council

1 July 2022

To whom it may concern

I started working with Test Valley Council as part of a team working on a vision and masterplan for Andover Town Centre and have found them to be one of the most dynamic councils in the country. They started to put the future success of the town in the towns own hands by firstly buying the shopping centre that dominates the town centre , then importantly undertaking a people focused placebrand process as well as supporting progressive independent businesses to embed themselves in the town centre via new markets and in spaces and places owned by the council .

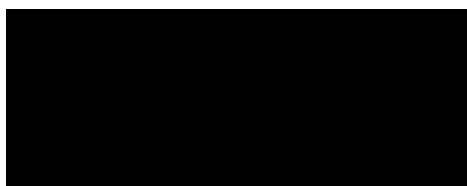
I have no hesitation in fully supporting the 'Andover Revealed' levelling up project as it will continue to transform the historic town of Andover, kickstarting its next phase of economic development and targeting pockets of deprivation.

There are a number of progressive and purposeful plans including:

The proposed relocating and expansion of theatre, community spaces, public library and children's discovery centre will add vibrancy and diversity to the town centre core

The idea to reclaim and redistribute an over engineered road and open up a hidden chalk stream can completely transform the ambience of the town centre , humanizing it , creating a wildlife and ecology corridor whilst providing sufficient capacity for vehicular movements, whilst improving safety and experience for pedestrians and cyclists. This "re discovery "of the River Anton and enable this unique asset to help rejuvenate the centre of Andover creating a new riverside park. This will create a new destination for the town centre, form part of a high-quality north-south walking and cycling route, help to better integrate the bus station within the town centre and encourage more appropriate forms of development on adjacent sites.

I strongly support the Andover Revealed bid for Levelling Up funding, this lovely, overlooked town and its forward thinking leadership deserve it.



Wayne Hemingway MBE



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1 July 2022

**Letter of Support: 'Andover Revealed' Levelling Up Bid**

To Whom it May Concern,

The NHS Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board are actively working with Test Valley Borough Council and the Andover Vision Partnership to enable Andover town to fulfil its potential and raise aspirations which will result in achieving great things for the town including increased healthy life expectancy for local people. Test Valley Borough Council have ambitions to embed Health & Care as a vital partner within their Town Masterplan in terms of health & care delivery, health and care as a key local employer, and critical partner to support broader social and economic development.

Andover is one of our more deprived communities across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. There are neighbourhoods within Andover where Healthy Life Expectancy age is 60 years (compared to 72 years in other parts of Hampshire), with high levels of anxiety and asthma amongst and where 25% of year 6 children are considered obese, and only 27% of children achieve GSCE attainment. Hence, Health & Care partner within Andover are committed to an ambitious programme of regeneration and improvement. These ambitions are being delivered today through the Andover Neighbourhood Care Partnerships which is driving partner collaboration across a number of projects targeting the wider determinants of ill health such as Health on the High Street (Andover Health Hub), Asset Based Community Development, Food Partnerships and Employment Support Projects.

The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Board strongly support the Andover Revealed bid for Levelling Up funding to transform the historic town of Andover, kickstart its next phase of economic development and targeting pockets of deprivation. The plans to develop the heart of the town, comprising a relocated and expanded theatre, community spaces, public library and children's discovery centre is central to improving the health and well being of the local population and promoting happiness and community cohesion. The Redistribution of space

along Western Avenue and the River Anton corridor away from traffic and towards people will promote walkability, physical activity and support the NHS Green Plan providing more sustainable travel for patients and staff.

Awarding funding for the 'Andover Revealed' Bid, will enable the Andover Vision partnership, who have experience of delivering collaborative regeneration programmes at pace, to greatly improve everyday life for the local people.

These programmes will:

- Increase footfall in the town centre, including in the evening
- Reduce crime and fear of crime
- Increase number of cultural events
- Increase consumer spending
- Increase in the employment rate, including for apprenticeships
- Improve perception of place of residents and visitors
- Improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists
- Provide a modal shift to active forms of travel
- Improve more direct pedestrian and cycle flows, linked to wider strategic network
- Restore access to riverside
- Increase dwell time in the town centre
- Improve air quality and contribution to net zero
- Improve physical and mental health of residents

We trust this letter provides you with the assurance and confidence to award funding to the 'Andover Revealed' Bid and improve the life's of Andover People.

Yours Faithfully,



Ali Young

Associate Director- Health & Improvement & Place

Hampshire & Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board



HOUSE OF COMMONS

LONDON SW1A 0AA

Our Ref: KM26496

22 June 2022

**To whom it may concern**

I am writing to express my strong support for the Andover Town Centre regeneration project and to give my full backing to Test Valley Borough Council for their bid for financial support from the Levelling Up Fund.

Whilst the wider Test Valley borough has areas of affluence, this disguises a complex pattern of deprivation in Andover, the major settlement in my constituency.

The issues the town face have their origin in the London overspill of the 1960's and 1970's, when Andover's population tripled as it became home to decanted Londoners who were initially housed in substandard housing and denied all the support and infrastructure they needed. As a consequence, our town finds itself in the top 20% of deprived areas in the country for crime, education and health despite ostensibly being a pleasant market town in North West Hampshire.

Andover is in effect, hidden in the Hampshire averages, yet it is far from average. As Minister for Police Crime and Probation I am acutely aware, for example, that the crime rate is significantly higher than both the regional and national average.

I am enthusiastic about the Council's excellent masterplan, specifically because it most directly benefits these most deprived communities living closest to the town centre. Indeed, I have supported and encouraged the Andover regeneration project since inception as I can see the significant value the proposals will create for existing and future residents. Andover needs to level up and this comprehensive masterplan will deliver on that aspiration.

Despite its issues, Andover is growing. For the last decade the Council's enlightened planning approach has seen a significant and consistent annual number of new homes being built, and yet Andover town centre has not kept pace. The result has been a growth in negative sentiment towards the town, and a diminution in the residents' sense of pride of place.

So the Council's aspirations and ambitions for the town are to be profoundly welcomed. The physical and social changes, new homes, offices, and a new 6<sup>th</sup> form college in later phases, will be a catalyst for much needed change. This, coupled with wider proposed work will reveal once again a delightful Hampshire market town centre and help buck the trend of deprivation in a town which has suffered in competition with its neighbours.

Where there is real strength in the Andover bid is from a combination of factors: The proposals are founded on a strong groundswell of public support and engagement, with over 95% of respondents supporting the masterplan; there are willing and enthusiastic partners from both the public and private sector; and a Council that is able and keen to make ambitious and sometimes difficult decisions to purchase land and bring forward the masterplan. All the key elements necessary to secure swift delivery.

The proposals will also see local sustainable transport and highway improvements, making a genuine difference to wider area. The creation of a new cultural hub will improve the evening

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Member of Parliament for North West Hampshire

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economy and the town's cultural offering. And providing much needed environmental and ecological improvements to the hidden jewel of Andover, the River Anton, that flows through the town centre, will bring beauty and wellbeing. I'm sure you appreciate how such a major transformation can change the image of a town, the attitude and aspiration of its residents, and help move Andover away from the post war story of deprivation and an abandoned population.

I have been very impressed with the Council's work to put in place solid foundations for delivery. It isn't just the masterplan. They have invested in land acquisition, so the proposals are within their control. They have developed robust partnerships with key actors and the Council have a track record of getting the job done. They have excellent and stable leadership and strong local support.

I am certain that their proposals can be achieved within the timeframe required, and with the benefit of Levelling Up Funding, can provide a catalyst for the next phases of the much needed town centre regeneration, with economic growth, housing delivery and the needs of the community at the forefront of the project.

I commend their proposal to you.

Yours sincerely

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**Kit Malthouse MP**

Letter sent by email to [gsmith@testvalley.gov.uk](mailto:gsmith@testvalley.gov.uk)

Graham Smith  
Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development  
Test Valley Borough Council

1 July 2022

Dear Graham

### **Support for Levelling Up Fund Bid**

Enterprise M3 LEP is delighted to support Test Valley Borough Council's bid to the Levelling Up Fund to help bring forward the Andover masterplan.

Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership is an alliance between business, education and the public sector and is charged with a mandate to support and drive economic development and growth. We contribute to the strategic economic thinking that shapes our area, pitch for government funds, generate private sector investment, and help local businesses to start, grow, export and access skilled talent. As such the proposal being put forward by Test Valley Borough Council for Andover is well aligned with our aspirations and approach in the area.

The LEP considers that the Andover Masterplan will support diversification and innovation amongst our businesses and entrepreneurs, providing a sound basis to enhance access to employment, retail and services in the town, and helping to drive the local economy.

The proposal also builds on our close working relationship with Test Valley Borough Council, demonstrated by the major investment of over £3m the LEP has made to help bring forward significant projects over several years. Within the town centre we have supported projects including: developing a Technology and Skills Centre at Andover College; a flexible working space using vacant office space; and public realm improvements in the heart of the town.

Andover has areas of economic deprivation and low attainment. We see the masterplan as an exciting opportunity to build on the LEP's previous investments and to make a step change to the town through adapting, delivering and growing the economy of the town centre and the wider area to the benefit of all communities.

The EM3 LEP are fully behind the projects the Council and other partners are undertaking to make Andover an outstanding place to live and work. We recognise that the proposals contained within the LUF bid represent the next chapter of the masterplan and will accelerate its delivery. Later phases will see additional office floorspace, a new campus for Andover College and much needed housing in the town centre.

We look forward to supporting Test Valley to deliver this transformative project in the heart of Andover.

Yours sincerely



Stephen Martin  
Joint Managing Director  
Enterprise M3 LEP



Our ref  
00109 Andover levelling up

Date  
30 June 2022

To whom it may concern

**RE: Letter of Support for the 'Andover Revealed' levelling up project**

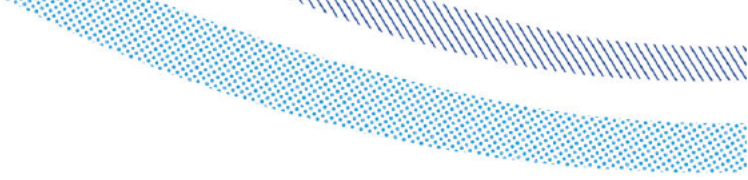
Please accept this letter as support from Southern Water for the Andover Revealed project. Southern Water is one of the largest water and wastewater companies in the South East of England covering Hampshire, the Isle of Wight, Sussex and Kent. Hampshire has always relied on the environment for drinking water. However, to protect the health of the county's chalk stream rivers, Southern water is reducing how much water we take from them when river flows are low, meaning we are investing in substantial new water sources for this region.

Specific to the Andover area we are undertaking a program of works under our Water Industry National Environment Program and the Catchment Based Approach Chalk Stream Strategy to enhance the upper stretches of the River Anton. We are designing and implementing a number of enhancements to help strengthen the ecological resilience of this waterbody.

It is recognized that 85% of the worlds chalk streams are in England, with many located in Hampshire, including the River Anton which is one of a number of internationally recognised chalk streams.

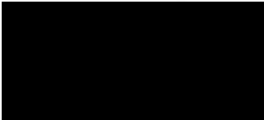
Southern Water are actively engaged with this project proposal, especially reconnecting the town with the River Anton by opening up the riverfront for public access along Western Avenue – this will certainly complement the work that we are undertaking on the river further upstream in the catchment and the Western Avenue reach of the river was one we shortlisted for improvements. As a result, we strongly support this bid for Levelling Up funding.

The proposed scheme to provide an iconic green space for residents and visitors by opening up the river front also aligns to the Governments 25 year Environment Plan "making sure that there are high quality, accessible, natural spaces close to where people live and work, particularly in urban areas, and encouraging more people to spend time in them to benefit their health and wellbeing". This is something that Southern Water actively promotes and encourages.



For the reasons discussed we can see real value in the proposal set out in the Andover Revealed bid and are happy to provide our support to this bid and the project going forward.

Your Sincerely.



Dr Toby Willison  
**Chief Environment and Sustainability Officer**

29 June 2022

**To Whom It May Concern**

RE: TEST VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL ANDOVER LEVELLING UP FUND BID

I am writing to detail Sparsholt College Group's support for the Andover Levelling Up Fund bid submitted by Test Valley Borough Council. The college has worked with Test Valley Borough Council undertaking much of the visioning works detailed in this application, as part of a wide and extensive community consultation piece. As such we are endorsing this application in the belief that it has strong community support, it meets the needs of Andover College and, if awarded, its outputs will be transformative for the historic town of Andover.

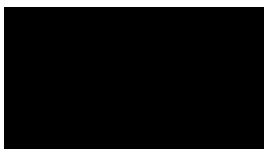
Andover College campus (part of the Sparsholt College Group) is an integral part of Andover town's landscape, providing an anchor institution at the heart of its community. We currently have 1600 students enrolled on a variety of courses including A Levels, T Levels, Apprenticeships and short courses available to the wider community.

The College is particularly supportive of the following plans detailed in the submission, which are important to us:

- The opening up of access to the campus and the wider Wellbeing Quarter, supporting the College's plans to improve education, employment, leisure and community facilities for residents of Andover. The plans will offer our students and colleagues cultural benefits, as well as feeling safer in their community, improvements in air quality and their surrounding environment, and supporting their physical/ mental health and wellbeing.
- The demolition of the derelict Magistrate's Court which serves as an eyesore at the heart of the town and the corresponding opportunities that brings.
- The reinforcement of the rail link to provide pedestrian access between the station and the centre of town improving accessibility for all. Opening the space and improving visibility will help to develop a positive use for what is currently an under-utilised space, prone to anti-social behaviour.

It is my sincere hope and belief that the regeneration plans for the centre of Andover will provide the foundations from which to grow an aspirational town to live and work, with Andover College a major and committed player in this change.

Yours faithfully



**Julie Milburn**  
**Principal**  
**Sparsholt College Group**

To whom it may concern

St Mary's Andover is the Parish Church of Andover. Our community currently numbers around 350 people who come from all walks of life and backgrounds – from new borns to 90+. St Mary's is a bold, fast-growing and vibrant community of people who are seeking to make a positive impact on the life of Andover. We are both traditional and contemporary in the way we worship and take our civic responsibilities very seriously. We are a church *for* the people of Andover and a specific part of our vision is to see Andover thrive. Over the last three years, St Mary's has benefitted from substantial grant funding to re-imagine its life and pursue this new outward looking vision.

We are located in the centre of the town. There has been a church on our site (at the top of the High Street) for over 1,000 years and it has been the site of some nationally significant historic events. We are proud to call Andover home and take a place-based approach to church life and even though we are a larger than average church, we are intentionally local. We live, shop and spend our time in Andover. This gives us a real perspective. We readily see Andover's enormous potential. It also has its challenges, which are not insignificant, especially in the town centre. We have studied these carefully as part of our own thinking and planning. Through our work and in the course of living here, we are very aware of these, both during the day and night. We are invested in a number of initiatives which seek to add value to the town in practical ways. We offer a wide range of courses and services for the community. These include: debt management support, job clubs, work with schools, befriending, food projects, women's groups and parenting courses.

Over the last three years, we have developed strong links with the TVBC team at all levels of the organisation. We value these links highly and we have successfully worked together on numerous projects. These have included, among other things: pandemic response efforts, food delivery schemes, social prescribing, collaborating with the NHS, heritage preservation projects, educational and grant giving charities and civic events.

Multi-agency, partnership working is clearly a strong part of the culture at TVBC which is modelled from the top. TVBC has been very supportive of us, enabling us to play a part in the life of the town. Equally, we also see them listening to and championing many others. This is good news for Andover. As a model for leadership, it is progressive, relevant and deeply refreshing. On the ground, it means they are trusted, grounded and credible. I see first-hand that organisations want to work with them, and it is clearly a well-established and effective model. We look forward to continuing this work together over the years to come.

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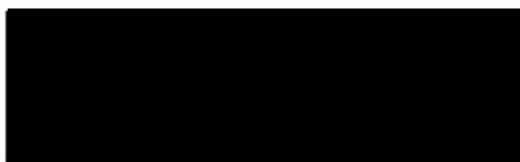
We strongly support the Andover Revealed bid for Levelling Up funding.

We believe there is a strong case for the investment set out in the Andover Revealed bid.

The bid will catalyse the much-needed regeneration of the town centre. It is no exaggeration to say that this has the potential to bring transformational change to the life of the town and to positively shift its onward trajectory for generations to come in-line with longstanding and well considered plans. TVBC has undertaken substantial and compelling consultation and work to deeply understand the needs of Andover's present and future and the bid is informed by this work. I am especially convinced about the need to make a game-changing move to change the culture of the High Street and passionately believe that an 'anchor' theatre in the centre – around which so much can grow will be of enormous onward significance and a 'bellwether' of change for the people of the town to rally around and for TVBC to use in onward negotiations with developers and others.

There is much more we could say, but we hope this is a useful picture of our involvement and commitment to the bid. If I can be of further assistance, please let me know.

Yours faithfully



For and on behalf of the community of St Mary's Andover

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## **Andover Levelling Up Fund Bid**

Dear Paul,

Sustrans recognises the opportunities that the proposed regeneration of Andover Town Centre presents for enabling and facilitating active travel.

The incorporation of significant enhancements to the public realm and walking and cycling facilities into the Masterplan, at the expense of motor vehicle traffic, is a step in the right direction.

As the charity making it easier for people to walk and cycle, Sustrans supports the proposed creation of a new linear park and riverwalk on Western Avenue to better provide for walking, cycling and wheeling, as well as enhance the natural environment.

Such proposals must be developed in collaboration with the local community and must be compliant with the latest design and accessibility standards, notably Local Transport Note 1/20. Additionally, a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) must be in place to demonstrate the evidence and strategy for investment in the walking and cycling network in Andover.

Yours faithfully,

  
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To whom it may concern  
'Andover Uncovered' levelling up project  
24 June 2022

The Future Towns Innovation Hub (FTIH) is a partnership between the University of Southampton, University of Southampton Science Park (USSP) and EM3 LEP that has been specifically funded (£15m) to create economic impact such as job & business creation, translation of products & services, creating competitive advantage & new markets, attracting inward investment and skills development.

*Our Mission: Through a 'one-stop-shop' for innovation, facilitate healthy, happy and prosperous towns within the EM3 LEP geographic region and beyond.*

Situated on the USSP site at Chilworth, The Hub will house a range of dedicated facilities, including:

- Specialist laboratories to support a range of sectors, including environmental engineering, electronics, transport research, energy, energy generation and autonomous systems.
- General workshops and high-quality innovation and creativity spaces for industrial collaborators and partners.
- Office units to attract business to collaborate with researchers as part of long-term enterprises.

Within the Hub we will have a significant Collaboration Space aimed to spark ideas & connections where 'technology push' will meet 'market pull', including co-working & secondments, briefings & CPD as well as just being an uplifting environment. The Hub works right across UoS including partnering with healthcare experts, social and political scientists, business experts and policy developers to bring a joined-up approach to transforming and connecting future towns.

We offer our full support to the Andover Uncovered bid for Levelling Up funding and believe that there is a strong case for the investment set out in the Andover Uncovered bid. The FTIH has already met a number of times with TVBC to

discuss potential collaborations and knowledge exchange where the Andover Uncovered project would offer the perfect vehicle. TVBC has also recently attended a networking event concerning future energy and co-designed a water management event that we anticipate will both add significant value to the Western Avenue Linear Park and the development of the Cultural Hub.

Just a few applicable examples of projects where we aim to share the results widely with place makers include:

A ~£500k scoping study for a 'future towns mobility demonstrator' was undertaken with Basingstoke & Dean Borough Council. It was aimed at a post-COVID (mobility-oriented) green economic recovery plan for retail, hospitality and recreation. Basingstoke town centre is a demonstration use case because of its "clean slate" status (predominantly car-oriented), with the aim that successful trials can subsequently be rolled out and deployed in other towns. There are 3 synergistic work schemes: road-space re-allocation, micro-mobility pilot and 'smart shopper' App using data and digital tools.

AND TOWNS are two AHRC funded projects led by researchers at the University of Southampton developing understandings of culture, towns, recovery and pride.

*The role of place and identity in governance and local policy project* brings together a community of practice from a range of sectors, communities and geographies in order to better understand and evidence the correlation between place attachment (understood as the emotional bond between people and place) and the health of local cultural ecologies. The *Feeling towns project* explores culture, and the skills and digital connections necessary to develop, promote, and sustain it as well as help build the civic infrastructure to tackle urgent social and economic issues. Equally, a vibrant and diverse cultural life grows the creative economy, attracts and retains the young people who can revive depleted town centres, and bridges socially or fractured or divided semi-urban communities.

The UKRI Trusted Autonomous System Hub at Southampton has established a collaborative platform for the UK to deliver world-leading best practices for the design, regulation and operation of 'socially beneficial' autonomous systems which are both trustworthy in principle, and trusted in practice by individuals, society and government. The Hub along with Policy@Southampton have inputted to a policy

review series where the current landscape was reviewed, the potential future applications of these technologies was considered, and the challenges and opportunities these present to policymakers and those in the sector was assessed.

Once again, we fully endorse the Andover Uncovered bid and look forward to forging an even deeper relationship with TVBC and wherever possible, input to a positive outcome of the project should it receive funding.

Yours Faithfully



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Re: Support for 'Andover Uncovered'

Dear Paul,

Wessex Rivers Trust is an environmental charity dedicated to the conservation of chalk streams in Wessex, working towards healthy rivers for wildlife and people.

As well as being a globally rare chalk stream habitat, the River Anton lies at the heart of Andover's community. Wessex Rivers Trust work with a range of partners, including Test Valley Borough Council, to improve the health of this rather unique natural asset. The Andover Uncovered project offers an excellent opportunity to restore the health of the river for the benefit of both people and wildlife.

We would therefore like to offer our full support to Test Valley Borough Council's Levelling Up Funding Bid for the Andover Uncovered Project.

Yours sincerely

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