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CC: Rt Hon Steve Barclay MP

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Dear Leader of the Council and Chief Executive,

Long-Term Plan for Towns

Last year the Prime Minister launched the Government's Long-Term Plan for Towns, a core part of our levelling up programme. We identified an initial 55 towns to receive funding as part of this programme. At that time we also committed to setting out more details of our approach in Northern Ireland, when the Northern Ireland Executive had been restored.

I am delighted to be able to inform you that the Chancellor has now confirmed new funding and support worth £400m to extend this programme to 20 more towns across England, Scotland, Wales and now also Northern Ireland. This brings the total number of towns benefiting from our long-term plan programme to 75.

Local Authority	Town/City
Birmingham	Royal Sutton Coldfield
Darlington	Darlington
Halton	Runcorn
Castle Point	Canvey Island
Breckland	Thetford
King's Lynn and West Norfolk	King's Lynn
Thanet	Ramsgate
Eastbourne	Eastbourne
Harlow	Harlow
St. Helens	Newton-le-Willows
Rossendale	Rawtenstall
Fenland	Wisbech
Gedling	Carlton
Nuneaton and Bedworth	Bedworth

Angus	Arbroath
Aberdeenshire	Peterhead
Orkney Islands	Kirkwall
Denbighshire	Rhyl
Derry City & Strabane	Derry~Londonderry
Causeway Coast & Glens	Coleraine

The Long-Term Plan for Towns is a fundamentally different way of approaching the challenges towns face, putting power back into the hands of local people so that they can decide on local priorities and what is best for the long-term future of the places in which they live. We want to make towns places where people and businesses want to invest, creating new jobs and breathing new life into our high streets and town centres. The relevant local MP must sit on the Town Board, should be engaged in the appointment of the independent Chair of that Board and consulted as part of the development of a towns Long-Term Plan.

Each town will receive 'endowment-style' funding and support worth up to £20 million, to give them the certainty to deliver projects over the 10-year lifespan of the programme and flexibility to invest in interventions based on local needs and priorities. For towns in England and Scotland, we have published on gov.uk extensive guidance to support towns to set up their Town Board and develop their Long-Term Plan. We are developing equivalent products for towns in Wales and Northern Ireland, which will be published soon.

We will write to you with further information setting out more detail of the programme shortly and Adam Hawksbee - chair of the government's Towns Unit – and I look forward to working closely with you to make sure that this investment is a success. My officials and I will also be engaging with counterparts in the Devolved Administrations on the extension of the programme in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

I am copying this letter to the relevant Member of Parliament.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jacob Young', with a stylized, cursive script.

JACOB YOUNG MP
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