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Councillor Gerald Cooney
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Dear Gerald,

Capital Regeneration Projects - 'Stalybridge Town Centre Regeneration'

Levelling up is central to the ambition of this Government. We recognise the vital importance of town centres and high streets to local communities, and the regeneration of these will help to grow local economies, create jobs and spread opportunity. Today's Spring Budget has emphasised the importance of delivering this type of regeneration to power levelling up across the country.

Thank you again for your engagement with my department's local growth funding programmes, including your recent bid, '**Stalybridge Town Centre Regeneration**', to round two of the Levelling Up Fund. I understand the disappointment you will have felt when that bid was not successful. We received an extraordinarily high number of quality applications to the second round of the Fund and, despite the strength of your bid, the competitive nature of this round meant your bid was not successful at the time.

However, as a result of re-focusing departmental budgets, we are now able to fund further Capital Regeneration Projects, which will support more regeneration projects across the country. Through this, I am delighted to inform you that my department will be awarding you **£19,906,620** for your '**Stalybridge Town Centre Regeneration**' bid. These grants are provisional and are subject to further subsidy control checks.

I appreciate the hard work that went into the original application and am very keen, as I am sure you are, to get delivery and spend underway quickly. My officials will be in contact with your officers shortly to discuss the next steps in this process.

I look forward to working closely with you over the coming months, to make sure that this investment is a success.

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