



Ministry of Housing,
Communities &
Local Government

Nigel Mills MP
House of Commons
London
SW1A 0AA

Jake Berry MP

Minister for the Northern Powerhouse and Local Growth

Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

4th Floor, Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

Tel: 0303 444 3440

E-Mail: Jake.Berry@communities.gov.uk

www.gov.uk/mhclg

5 July 2019

Dear Nigel

Future High Streets Fund – Heanor

I am delighted to inform you that this local authority, within your constituency, has been selected to go forward into the second phase of the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF). We will now be inviting the authority to submit a full business case to the FHSF, and plan to announce the list of authorities that are successful in obtaining capital funding for their transformational schemes by Spring 2020.

There was a very high degree of interest in the £675 million FHSF, which received more than 300 bids and was heavily oversubscribed. It is a great achievement for the authority to have made it into the business case development phase of the FHSF and demonstrates that its expression of interest document was one of the very best that my department received.

To help the authority to develop a compelling business case around its ambitious plans to renew and reshape its high street and town centre we will be awarding a revenue grant of up to £150,000; this will be paid shortly and will enable the authority to commission expert advice or commit internal resources to assist in the development of its business case.

In addition, we are setting up a High Streets Task Force as part of our wider offer to high streets and town centres. The Task Force will provide hands-on support to local areas to develop data-driven, innovative strategies, provide training and connect local areas to relevant experts. This will include providing support to some authorities in development of their business cases.

I know that you will want to congratulate the authority team for getting this far and wish them every success in the next phase of assessment. I will write to you again if the authority is successful in obtaining funding for its scheme.

JAKE BERRY MP