

Nigel Mills M.P.



HOUSE OF COMMONS
LONDON SW1A 0AA

18th March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam,

Amber Valley Borough Council – Future High Streets Fund Bid for Heanor

I am writing in support of Amber Valley Borough Council's bid to the Future High Streets Fund, for funding to bring about the positive transformation of Heanor Town Centre. I fully support the proposed vision and interventions detailed below and urge you to support the Council's bid to ensure the project is delivered successfully for the benefit of my constituents and the wider area.

Vision: The town aspires to be a thriving hilltop market town, offering a good quality environment, housing, jobs and facilities. Leisure, business and residential activity will be the basis for future development and prosperity aiming to create a vibrant and sustainable place; attractive to residents, visitors and investors.

1. Reimagining the road network.

Transformative opportunity to consider the road network and the pedestrian environment to improve the existing network and to secure an attractive environment for pedestrian and smooth traffic flow.

2. Creating Space for people

Re-imagining the town centre to create positive spaces and leisure opportunity. The Market Place as the heart of the town offers a vibrant centre for retail, leisure and public space to enjoy and secure the heart of the town. Supported by strengthening the connectivity across the town to enhance the pedestrian footfall, movement and dwell time.

3. Experiential Town Centres

The Town Centre will be rebalanced with improved connectivity from the lower retail park and memorial park. Vacant units offer potential for social space, cafes and community hubs. Local distinctiveness and character buildings will be supported by Good Design Guidelines to protect the character of the town and its identity.

4. Transformative Town Centre Living Space

To deliver new homes for town centre living and provide quality homes for the next generation. To secure a balanced mix of home and attract people who will utilise the town centre facilities and to generate opportunity and utilise areas of derelict land.

5. Business and Co Work: Mixed Use Economy

To stimulate business development and Co-work space to grow business, create jobs, facilitate skills support, and develop a b2b cluster to drive further potential and expansion. Redundant land

Member of Parliament for Amber Valley

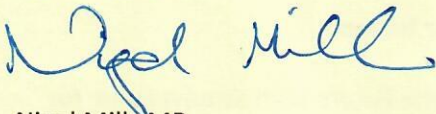
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and vacant character-buildings offer potential for transforming the town centre and stimulate economic potential.

I consider this a fantastic opportunity to transform Heanor Town Centre and I believe that the project will provide an example of how positive interventions and community support can be harnessed to bring about a renaissance in a traditional market town. I therefore hope that you will give the bid all due consideration and look forward to a positive response.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nigel Mills". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'N'.

Nigel Mills MP
Member of Parliament for Amber Valley