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Dear Sir/Madam,

As Member of Parliament for Wolverhampton South East, I am pleased to pledge my support for the Brownfield Land Release Fund 2 Programme.

The BRLF 2 programme will help to support and deliver major benefits to the residents of Bilston, helping to unlock Council assets that have struggled to come out of the ground due to viability issues and offer the community good quality affordable homes.

The funding will help accelerate the delivery programme and from what I am hearing this has already started with the team building a robust project to prove it is eligible for the funding. I see the grant funding opening up a whole corridor of opportunities along with re-purposing the two Council assets in Loxdale and Stowheath. The proposals will also see the relocation of Council services to fit for purpose buildings and help consolidate & improve space utilisation, reducing operation costs and help reach our targets to decarbonise the Council assets. The proposals also;

- Address market failure
- Support small scale infrastructure upgrades
- Develop brownfield land reducing pressure on our green field land
- Focus on public sector asset modernisation and rationalisation
- Seek to offer energy efficiency & greenhouse gas reductions
- Create new jobs and upskill the workforce
- Promote new homes with Modern Methods of Construction
- And look to kick start by March 23 with a development agreement unlocking the asset and 'shovel ready' thereafter

So what's the bigger picture? These projects are part of a wider Bilston asset transformation programme and targeting to provide homes for new families by early 2025 and this fits just in time for the proposed Bilston Health & wellbeing project which we recently submitted a grant funding application as part of the Levelling Up Round 2 bids. This facility is being designed future proofed for patient growth and assist the unlocking of sites such as Stowheath and Loxdale..... these projects upon completion play straight into this story board.

I look forward to hearing from you soon and pledge my support and resources to move this project forward to benefit our residents by unlocking housing on brownfield sites with public sector intervention.

Yours sincerely,

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