

## 10. APPENDIX A

### Kettering Town Centre – Future High Street Fund Expression of Interest

Dear XXXXXX

Further to your report to Executive Committee on 13<sup>th</sup> March, I am writing to confirm our support in principle for the Expression of Interest to the Future High Street Fund in respect of Kettering Town Centre.

We recognise the challenges our Town Centre faces within a rapidly changing retail environment. We also recognise that our existing vision and Town Centre Delivery Plan enables our Town Centre to transition to a place for people to live, work and enjoy leisure time. This is a vision which is shared by our stakeholders, and one in which we already have a proven track record of delivery, such as the Market Place and Restaurant Quarter.

Whilst the focus on retail in Kettering Town Centre is declining, it will continue to play an important role in the life of our communities. As a growth area, located in the central area sub region of the Cambridge to Oxford Arc, it essential that our Town Centre offers a vibrant centre for social interaction and to instil a sense of community and place. We are confident that, with the support of the Future High Street Fund, we can work with our partners across the private, public and voluntary sectors to bring forward transformational projects from within the Kettering Town Centre Delivery Plan 2018-2025.

Whilst we understand that demand for the Fund will be high, we hope that MHCLG will recognise our shared vision and the opportunity to maximise investment from ourselves and our public and private sector partners. Together this will enable us all, as custodians of the Town Centre, to deliver truly transformational projects for generations to come.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Russell Roberts – Leader of Kettering Borough Council and Chair of Executive Committee

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