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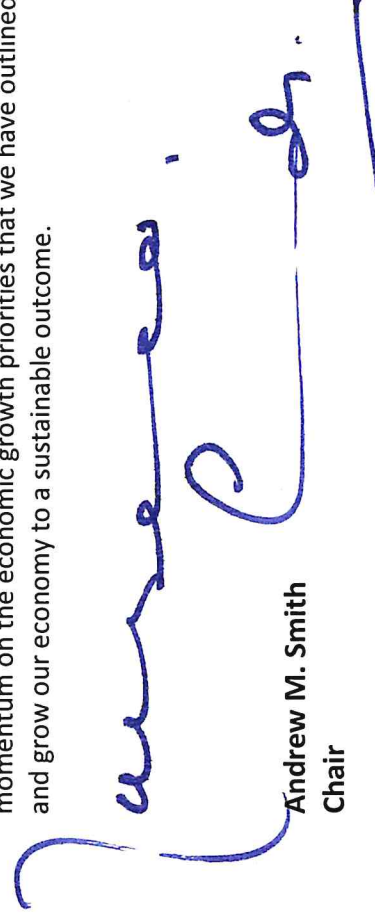


Thank you for your letter dated 18 February 2021. This followed a very constructive meeting, held on 11 February 2021 with Robert Jenrick, to discuss a Buckinghamshire Proposition. I have attached the proposition to this letter as I believe that with government support it would contribute considerably to the sustainable growth outcome that you are looking to achieve and it would further unlock significant economic growth.

The proposition builds on one of the four Local Industrial Strategies, co designed with government, that were launched in July 2019. It is distinctive of place and carries the support of the Buckinghamshire business community. We have been encouraged by Robert and senior civil servants to work with government to bring the proposition forward as a Recovery Deal and we look forward to working with MHCLG to ensure a positive outcome for Buckinghamshire.

Given the focus on economy, I am also delighted to confirm that I will be meeting later this month with Kwasi Kwarteng to discuss the contribution of the Buckinghamshire Functional Economic Geography, to help the UK succeed as a global innovation growth powerhouse.

Although the LEP is clearly no longer part of the Arc growth body, we are committed to maintaining momentum on the economic growth priorities that we have outlined and that will build resilience and grow our economy to a sustainable outcome.



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