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Dear Tom,

Towns Fund

On the 27 July the Prime Minister announced a £3.6 billion Towns Fund. For too long many people have felt politicians in Westminster have neglected our towns, with their rich and proud heritages, in favour of London and the big cities. We want to level up our towns and help them to continue to be vibrant, prosperous and connected places.

I am now announcing the 100 places I will be inviting to develop proposals for Town Deals. Town Deals will provide the transformative investment in transport, digital, skills and culture these important places need to boost productivity, sustainably raise living standards and ensure they have bright futures as great places to live. Each place will benefit from up to £25 million of investment.

I am pleased to inform you that your constituency town of Corby is one of the 100 places. This opportunity is in addition to the £265 million of Local Growth Fund investment that has been awarded to South East Midlands Local Enterprise Partnership. We hope this will build on the work already started to support regeneration and growth in Corby, supporting Government's wider ambitions for the growth of the Oxford-Cambridge Arc.

I am determined to ensure prosperity and opportunity are spread throughout the United Kingdom. Prosperity in our towns is at the heart of the Government's vision for a renaissance of our regions and I want every area to share in the benefits of growth. Only by achieving this can we ensure towns and communities are great places to live, work, and learn.

We know every place is different. That's why I want to work with the towns I am announcing to understand the local assets they have and the challenges they face. I will publish the Towns Fund prospectus shortly to set out the rigorous process by which proposals for funding will be considered. Places will need to make sure they meet our standards in order to secure funding from Government. Therefore the prospectus will also set out the criteria by which we will make funding decisions, including determining value for money. I look forward to working with places across the country; we will support them to determine their future.

The list of places I am announcing will be published online on gov.uk. I hope these Town Deals will provide the investment and the impetus for long-term renewal for communities, ensuring each of the towns benefiting can look to the future with a new optimism.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert Jenrick." The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a single horizontal line.

RT HON ROBERT JENRICK MP