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Dear Clive,

**Levelling Up Fund: Round Two announcement**

I am writing to you in your capacity as the Chair of the Levelling Up, Housing and Communities Committee with an update on the Levelling Up Fund.

As you know, we had hoped to announce the successful bidders for round two of the Fund by the end of the year, with at least £1.7 billion allocated to bids in this round.

Having received such a high number of quality applications, the announcement has been delayed until the New Year to allow us to allocate additional funds - meaning up to £2.1 billion will be granted to successful bids in this round. It is vitally important that we give ourselves enough time to consider the outcome of assessments carefully before a final decision on applications is made. We will do this in line with [the published guidance](#).

We will therefore announce results of the second round by the end of January.

I appreciate that this delay will be disappointing for applicants and other stakeholders given the huge amounts of work that has gone into applications for the Levelling Up Fund, and I am grateful to them for their patience. However, I am sure you will agree that this additional funding will enable a larger number of excellent bids to receive the support that they deserve.

Immediately following the announcement, we will work with local stakeholders to ensure delivery of successful projects can begin quickly, so that this investment can deliver against our shared agenda to level up communities across the UK. Recognising the challenging delivery landscape, the department will make up to £65 million of support available for successful applicants to local growth funds, including the Levelling Up Fund, in the form of commercial advisors, grants to buy in local support, and a training package.

Unsuccessful applicants from round two will receive full feedback to help strengthen bids ahead of any future funding allocations.

As ever, thank you for your interest in the work of my department. I will update you in January when we are ready to announce the outcome of the second round of the Levelling Up Fund.

With every good wish,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dehenna". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter 'D' being particularly large and stylized.

**DEHENNA DAVISON MP**