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Thank you for your letter regarding the Levelling Up White Paper.

As you are aware, levelling up is at the heart of the Government's agenda to build back better after the pandemic and was at the centre of the manifesto on which the Government promised to deliver for the people of the UK. It means empowering local leaders and communities to seize their own destiny; boosting living standards, particularly where they are lower; spreading opportunity and improving public services, particularly where they are weak; and restoring local pride across the UK.

Levelling up is a transformative and ambitious agenda and the department's priority is driving work across government to produce a White Paper that matches that vision - including the details of a bold new policy regime that will change the way central and local government tackles regional inequality.

Work is progressing well towards a publication in the new year, with the Levelling Up Cabinet Committee having met several times and ministers continuing to work closely together to deliver the Government's central mission.

With every good wish,

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