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Dear Robert

Regeneration of Uttoxeter, Staffordshire

Thank you for your answer to my question in the Chamber yesterday. I would be very grateful for the opportunity to follow up on this matter further.

As I mentioned, Uttoxeter has already been identified in our Local Plan for increased housing. However, it is vital that we do more than just build houses. As someone who is familiar with the town, you will know the opportunities it presents for regeneration, and the chance to bring more to this market town than just additional houses.

The Uttoxeter Masterplan, which is currently being prepared, has identified options for community and open spaces, as well as the need to redevelop The Maltings and make the town centre more attractive for businesses. As a constituent recently commented to me:

"We have beautiful historic buildings which provide the perfect backdrop to what should be a coordinated and purposeful redevelopment reflecting our historic market town status to attract both locals and visitors alike."

Uttoxeter offers a number of opportunities for the future. With JCB as a long-standing employer in the town, we have good levels of employment for residents, and hopefully, the masterplan will help utilise the surrounding countryside and riverways to provide excellent opportunities for walking and cycling to offer lifestyle and health benefits.

Can I ask that you meet with me to discuss what opportunities exist for our Government to showcase its vision for regenerating our towns, alongside upgrades to local transport networks, education facilities and excellent employment opportunities?

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards Hote Giffet

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