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Dear Cllr Allen

Burton Town Investment Plan

I write in relation to the proposals being developed under the Town Investment Plan, and to highlight some pertinent questions and concerns that constituents and businesses have raised with me. I would be very grateful for your consideration of these important issues.

I met earlier this week with a number of market traders who had contacted me to raise concerns about the proposals to move the library into the market place. Their main concern, should the move go ahead, was what support might be available to help their businesses relocating within the nearby area. Will you meet with them to discuss what options might be available and what support they will need?

Constituents have also raised their concerns over plans for the existing library site, should the proposal for redevelopment go ahead. Suggestions have been made that 188 residential units will be built on the site. As you know, I would not support any plan to make this a purely residential site, and I would be grateful for your confirmation that this is not the case. I hope that such a prime waterfront location can be used to attract more visitors to the Washlands, and I look forward to hearing more about the Council's aspirations for the site.

I hope the extensive consultation planned for the summer will answer the concerns some residents have in relation to these changes, but in the meantime, I would be grateful for your consideration of these issues.

Kind regards

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