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Councillor Hugh Evans
Leader, Denbighshire County Council
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Our Ref: JD8881

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Dear Hugh

Re: Vale of Clwyd 'Levelling Up Fund' bid

I am writing to confirm my full and enthusiastic support for the 'Levelling Up Fund' application which Denbighshire County Council is putting forward to the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, on behalf of the Vale of Clwyd constituency.

The 'Levelling Up Fund' demonstrates HM Government's commitment to all parts of the United Kingdom, including North Wales, and especially its coastal and more deprived communities.

I believe that the projects within the application will support economic recovery, through regeneration and growth. It is clear to me that it is a local priority to restore a sense of pride to Rhyl town centre, as the bid proposes. The positive change this will bring can result in new opportunities and jobs for local people. I also very much welcome the plans for Denbigh, Prestatyn, Bodelwyddan and Rhuddlan, which would make a difference to the everyday life of many in these towns – facilitating the success of local businesses, addressing long-standing challenges, and encouraging active travel, health and wellbeing.

I consider that the assortment of projects within the bid is balanced and fair, with funds being directed to the local areas which will benefit most from capital investment. I am grateful for the extensive consultation which has taken part at all stages of the bid development and it has been a pleasure to work with officers, as well as county councillors on a constructive, cross-party basis, so as to reach such a broad consensus.

I would like to place on record my thanks to all at Denbighshire County Council for the hard work involved in formulating this bid, which will help 'Level Up' and unite our locality, and thereby contribute to the same agenda on a national scale. I very much hope the application will be successful, and I look forward to working to assist the council in implementing the proposals.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'J. Davies', written over a printed name.

Dr James Davies MP