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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you well - I am emailing on you on behalf of Jamie Cowling, as the Deputy Director responsible for the Long-Term Plan for Towns programme.

As you know, a town in your district was selected by the previous government to be a recipient of funding through the 'Long-Term Plan for Towns' programme, and your respective 'Town Board' was instructed to submit a Long-Term Plan by 1 August to the department. However, we understand that many places took the decision to pause their engagement with their local communities due to the restrictions in place during the pre-election period. With this in mind, the Minister for Local Growth, Alex Norris MP, has taken the decision **to suspend the 1 August deadline** for submitting Long Term Plans, and as such, officials are no longer looking to receive your submissions by 1 August. The Minister has written today to your respective MP confirming his decision.

The department will be in touch in due course with further details on next steps and confirmation of the revised timelines. I would like to thank you for your patience during this period and would encourage you to continue working closely with Area Team colleagues – they have been copied to this email and remain your first point of contact.

I recognise this will raise a number of questions, and we will endeavour to provide more information as and when we have it. Please do cascade this to the relevant officials and members of the Towns Board as appropriate.

Many thanks,