

Dear Bethia

Many thanks for your letter, and to your Cabinet for endorsing the Expression of Interest. I agree with you that we have benefitted from a real determination to collaborate across the Thames Valley area, and an ability to put aside our differences in pursuit of a greater prize. I have been impressed by the contribution that has been made to our discussions by the District Council leaders, and I look forward very much to working with you and with the other leaders as we take this forward.

Best regards

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