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Dear Ministers,

Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority

In response to your letter of 06 August 2026, we welcome the government's renewed ambition for devolution and confirm our ambition to establish a Thames Valley Mayoral Strategic Authority (MSA) by 2028, subject to agreeing a geography.

The Thames Valley is unique. Our £97 billion economy is already one of the UK's most economically significant regions with the potential to become England's second most productive economy per capita and the third largest mayoral authority by economic output. We have been consistent in our belief that a Mayoral Strategic Authority with the fullest powers and funding available matches our ambition for the region and equips us with the tools necessary to meet the needs of our residents, deliver good growth throughout the region and strengthen our role as a national engine of productivity, innovation and sustainable growth.

We want to use this unique opportunity to agree a geography that combines economic coherence with clear alignment with public service boundaries to operate as a single, coherent system across the MSA footprint. We would welcome a meeting with the relevant lead Minister to discuss these issues and agree the right geography for a Thames Valley MSA.

We look forward to working with you at pace in delivering on a new model of government that puts people and places in control of shaping the future of their areas.

We are also copying this letter to Minister McMahon as the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Local Government, Devolution and Regional Growth.

Yours sincerely,



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**On Behalf of the Oxfordshire
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