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Dear Mark and Mark,

Thank you for your email dated 28 September, to the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP and Amanda Solloway MP, outlining the LEP Network's proposed 'Recovery and Rebuild Deal' ahead of the Spending Review (SR), along with your full representation for the SR. We appreciate how important this matter is to you and we are grateful to you for contacting our Departments with your concerns. We are replying as this matter falls within our ministerial responsibilities.

As you rightly point out, LEPs have played a key role in mitigating the immediate business impact of Covid-19, including through your engagement with local businesses, helping to shape the Government's understanding of their needs and priorities. Your local support measures for employers and businesses have also been greatly appreciated. We are most grateful for your efforts in leading the LEP Network to play these roles, including your support in the delivery of the Getting Building Fund across the country.

We agree that we are in a critical economic period. Your expertise and collaboration with us during this time to support our businesses and local economies across the country is vital. We are pleased that the LEP Network will again be playing a valuable part in the upcoming business roundtables with ministers from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.

Your SR proposal contains a range of helpful ideas and we look forward to meeting with you soon to discuss these in greater detail. Thank you once again for the work LEPs do to support our businesses right across the country.

Yours sincerely,

**LUKE HALL MP**

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