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Dear Mr Downey,

Thank you for your letter to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government on 14 June 2018 regarding the Belfast City Deal and a deal for Derry / Londonderry. I am responding as one of the officials working on the deal.

We welcome your support for the Belfast City Deal and the opportunity it provides for the city region. As you know, the Government has made a commitment to work with the Executive and other stakeholders to work towards a comprehensive and ambitious set of city deals across Northern Ireland. I know that the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland is aware of the local interest in a deal for the Derry / Londonderry City Region, and is looking forward to considering proposals for a Derry / Londonderry City Deal in due course.

Yours sincerely,

David Herson