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Dear Cllr Wood,

**The Arc Leadership Group**

Thank you for your letter on 30<sup>th</sup> June updating my predecessor on your progress in developing proposals for a locally-led pan-regional partnership for the Oxford-Cambridge (OxCam) Arc.

I am pleased that you have been exploring what arrangements in the Levelling Up White Paper would best equip you and your partners with the capability to achieve your shared ambitions and spread opportunity across the region.

As the White Paper sets out, the Government continues to support pan-regional partnerships because of the opportunities they provide for local partners with shared opportunities and challenges to collaborate at scale, prioritising areas of common interest.

As you continue to explore the most appropriate partnership arrangements for the region, I am prepared to provide the Arc Leaders Group with interim funding to proceed with those projects already in train, subject to further discussion with my officials.

Should you reach local consensus by this Autumn, I would be pleased to receive your proposals for formally establishing a locally-led pan regional partnership for the OxCam Arc.

**Rt Hon Greg Clark MP**

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