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Dear Andrew

Matlock Bath – Into the Future

Thank you for contacting the Council in relation to your exciting plans for visioning the future for Matlock Bath. I am aware of the initiative from Councillor Irene Ratcliffe who has been involved to date and I can confirm that we are fully supportive of the proposed project.

Matlock Bath is a unique asset for Derbyshire and should be a focus of our ambitions for growing the visitor economy in a sustainable way which also bring opportunities and benefits for local communities. Balancing our industrial heritage with economic growth is fundamental to these ambitions both from a Derbyshire perspective but also in relation to the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site for which the Matlock Bath/Cromford area provides a vital hub of development.

I understand that my officers have already engaged with the initiative in the early stages and we are fully committed to ensuring that resource is in place to support the project group and Derby University. Similarly I think it is important that the Destination Management Organisation, Visit Peak District & Derbyshire is engaged in delivering the project as lead organisation for supporting our Visitor Economy ambitions through the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership.

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Please contact Frank Horsley, Head of Economic Regeneration on frank.horsley@derbyshire.gov.uk (tel. 01629 538348) to discuss our further involvement and how we can help.

Yours sincerely

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