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Dear Mr Brain

Future High Street Fund – Expression of Interest

The historic market town of Moreton-in-Marsh wishes to register an “Expression of Interest” in the Future High Street Fund.

At a Neighbourhood Development Plan “Drop-in” on 2nd February 2019, in response to the question “What would encourage you to spend more time in Moreton-in-Marsh high street”, 40 residents stated “more property shops/great variety of retail”; others wanted to see an improved street scene and more greenery. Also, better commercial units would mean that residents did not have to travel elsewhere to buy clothes, homewares and visit an NHS dentist.

As a major settlement in the North Cotswolds, and the only one with a railway station, Moreton-in-Marsh requires high street support to address the serious congestion and related issues. These are recognised/supported in WYG’s Transport Planning Report on the A429/A433 Corridor Study, undertaken on behalf of the GCC, and in the Cotswold District Local Plan 2011-2031 under Policies INF2, INF3 and INF5.

Better retail and more employment in Moreton-in-Marsh would also reduce the need for residents to travel to work, further reducing congestion and pollution on the A429 and A44, and addressing the concern that the two junctions in town are near or at capacity”.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Doran

Town Clerk

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