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New Towns Taskforce – Information Gathering and Call for Evidence Submissions

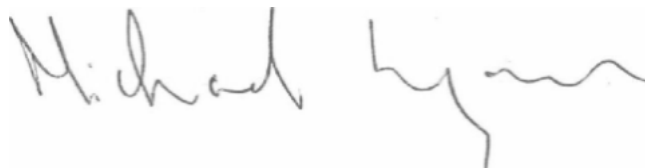
Thank you for your engagement with the New Towns Taskforce and for the ambitious proposals that were submitted to our call for evidence, and those that were shared with us through the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government and Homes England.

The Taskforce was established to explore how a new generation of new towns could help meet England's housing needs while creating thriving, sustainable communities. Our work has been guided by the belief that well-planned new towns can offer a powerful response to our country's challenges by delivering economic opportunity and contributing to much-needed housing supply. We were asked by government to consider how this ambition could be realised by recommending promising locations to build new towns.

As part of this, we launched a [call for evidence](#) to hear directly from places, organisations, and individuals across the country. We were delighted to receive over 100 submissions, each reflecting a strong local vision and a commitment to shaping the future of place-making. The breadth and quality of responses demonstrated the scale of opportunity that exists nationwide, and we are grateful for the time, thought, and ambition that went into each proposal.

While the Taskforce has today recommended a number of locations to government, every proposal was carefully considered, and we have set out clearly in [our report](#) how we have arrived at our recommended places. Our evidence base of potential large settlements, including locations which surfaced through this call for evidence, has been shared with government and Homes England to inform their ongoing policy development and support housebuilding in this country.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Michael Lyons', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Sir Michael Lyons
Chair of the New Towns Taskforce