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Dear Lesley

Thank you for your letter of 4 February, regarding the use of Welsh Government grant funding to take forward the redevelopment of the Kop Stand at the Racecourse Ground, Wrexham.

The grant of £25,000,000 provided to Wrexham County Borough Council (WCBC) was awarded in March 2021 as a catalyst for the Wrexham Gateway project. WCBC has full access to these funds, under the direction of the Wrexham Gateway Partnership (Welsh Government, WCBC, Wrexham Glyndŵr University and Transport for Wales), which sets the investment priorities for delivery of the strategic ambitions of the Wrexham Gateway masterplan.

The Partnership recognises the funding opportunity presented by the Levelling-Up Fund (LUF) and is intent on ensuring that a second round application addresses the failings of the first round application – those being that the application did not demonstrate the project could be delivered by the March 2024 fund deadline.

As an engaged member of the Wrexham Gateway Partnership, Welsh Government is fully supportive of the decision to commit funds to bring forward a coherent application for LUF, which demonstrates a clear route to completion of the project by March 2024

The work for which the partnership has committed the £2,500,000 to which you refer, relates predominantly to;

- the completion of detailed designs for the new stand;
- the undertaking of critical surveys and reports;
- the preparation of a full planning application and at the appropriate time;
- the demolition of the existing Kop Stand.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

All of these works will be undertaken jointly with Wrexham AFC. The Football Association of Wales is engaged in an advisory role to ensure that the Racecourse Ground as a whole will meet the standards for competitive international fixtures.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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