

***On behalf of the Heart of the South West***

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The Rt Hon George Osborne MP  
Chancellor of the Exchequer

The Rt Hon Greg Clark MP  
Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government

Dear Sirs

**Heart of the South West Devolution Prospectus for Productivity**

Please find enclosed the Heart of the South West's Prospectus for Productivity. It outlines the terms on which we wish to enter into formal negotiations with the Government on a devolution deal for our area.

The product of many months intensive work our Prospectus reflects a deep commitment by partners to embrace the economic, social and environmental opportunities that devolution presents. It has the support of all local authorities, our National Parks, Local Enterprise Partnership and three Clinical Commissioning Groups.

Central to our proposals is a commitment to increase productivity, create jobs, build more homes, improve our infrastructure and create a world-leading health and social care system.

If we can swiftly agree a devolution deal we will deliver transformational gains in the Heart of the South West, including:

- A £4 billion GVA uplift to the economy
- 163,000 new jobs
- 179,000 more homes
- Higher wages
- A workforce with the skills our businesses need

- Faster, more reliable rail services with greater capacity
- Faster road journeys with less congestion
- 100 per cent superfast broadband coverage
- Public sector reforms including integration and other innovative practice in health and social care

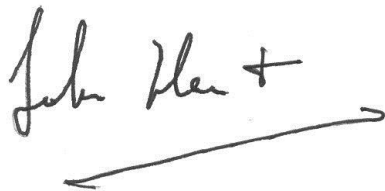
We have shared this Prospectus with our Members of Parliament and continue to engage with them to ensure that devolution delivers the greatest possible benefits for the Heart of the South West and the nation.

We invite the Government to work with us to explore the national opportunity offered by devolution for the Heart of the South West, and look forward to entering formal negotiations with you on a devolution deal at the earliest opportunity.

Yours sincerely



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Chairman of Dartmoor National Park



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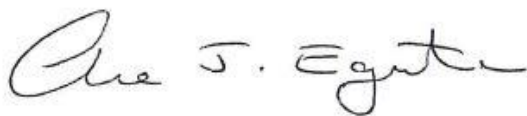
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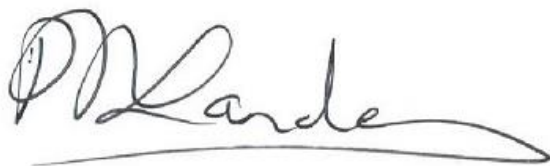
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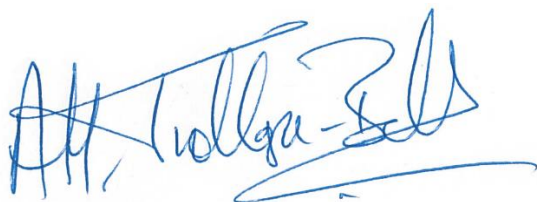
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