

Ewan Green
Director of Place
Folkestone & Hythe District Council
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30th May 2022

Dear Ewan,

Levelling up fund bid

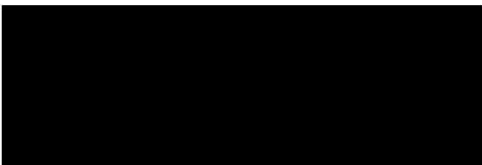
As you will already know, Stagecoach currently leases and operates from the bus station in Bouverie Square. As a key stakeholder in Folkestone Town Centre we have been involved in the development of the Folkestone Place Plan, published last year, which sets out the long term ambitions for the town. The Plan includes a priority project aiming to bring forward new uses for Bouverie Square and to relocate the operations of the current bus station.

Since then we have continued to work with the council and their consultants and have been closely involved in the design proposals for the redevelopment of Bouverie Square and the relocation of the existing bus station provision close by to Middelburg Square and Shellons Street. While there is still some detail to work through, the proposal will overcome a number of operational challenges which exist with the current configuration of the bus station and will greatly improve the pedestrian experience in the area. This proposal also aligns closely with the aims of the National Bus Strategy.

All partners agree that encouraging sustainable travel, including by bus, is essential for Folkestone as we seek to collectively address the climate crisis.

We are therefore committed to continuing to work with the council to deliver this project which will meet both the aspirations of our customers and serve to significantly enhance Folkestone town centre.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Arnold
Commercial Director