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Dear Colleague,

As you may have seen or heard this morning, I am delighted to be able to confirm that we have secured over £30m of government funding for our broadband project.

The news is especially pleasing as our joint bid with Devon, North Somerset, Plymouth and Torbay is just one of three successful bids from across the country, and our £30+m of funding is from a total allocation of just £50m.

This truly is a huge achievement and opportunity for Somerset, and will ensure that all of our communities have access to broadband within the next few years.

It is expected that the project will create an estimated 50,000 jobs across the whole area and deliver broadband to 318,908 businesses and homes where the private sector alone will not – that's 38% of businesses and homes in Somerset and Devon.

In addition, access to broadband will provide better access to jobs, education and services, supporting strong, less deprived and more resilient communities

If you need any more information, please get in touch with my colleague Matt Ballard at mdballard@somerset.gov.uk or telephone 01823 355867

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sheila Wheeler'.

Sheila Wheeler
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