



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership

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Dear Richard

Re: Stanley House Hotel –Application for Development

On behalf of the Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership, I am pleased to support the proposals for the further development of Stanley House Hotel and Spa, which are to be submitted by Monte Blackburn. The proposals will result in a substantial investment into a hotel, which had previously been experiencing a loss, but has the potential to be a significant tourism and leisure asset for the county.

Tourism, Culture and Place has been identified as one of six pillars of growth in the LEP's Strategic Framework, which provides the centrepiece for activity to support economic growth and job creation across Lancashire. The LEP recognises the contribution tourism, culture and place has to play in securing economic growth both as a generator of immediate employment opportunities within the sector, but also as an enabler and catalyst to help realise the LEP's wider ambitions to promote the county as an attractive place to invest, live and visit.

The tourism and hospitality sectors have been disproportionately adversely impacted by the Covid-19 pandemic and almost daily we are hearing of job losses and businesses operating within these sectors going into distress. However, the proposals outlined by Monte to create a boutique country house hotel, spa and wellness facility and banqueting venue buck this trend and present a real opportunity for the county to secure investment into a sector which desperately needs employment opportunities and an injection of confidence that it will recover.

I am therefore fully supportive of this proposal, which will make a positive contribution to the Lancashire economy and provide the county with an enviable destination asset.

If you require any further information then please do not hesitate to contact me and I wish you every success in your application.

Yours sincerely

Steve Fogg
Chair
Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership