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James Paice MP
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Dear Jim,

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I am writing in support of the bid by New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership for a Rural Growth Network pilot. The pilot would develop a network of up to 14 enterprise hubs across Norfolk and Suffolk, creating a pipeline of land suitable for development, enterprise champions to promote start-ups and providing micro-finance for rural businesses.

Norfolk and Suffolk have tremendous potential for economic growth but have suffered from historic underinvestment. The pilot will be a cost-effective way of generating an estimated 700 new jobs, enabling hundreds of existing businesses to expand and encouraging new ones to start up. The 14 proposed sites are established business parks with planning permission and space for businesses to grow.

I urge you to support this bid, which would make a substantial contribution to economic growth in the area and across East Anglia.

Best wishes,
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