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## **Skipton Flood Alleviation Scheme**

Further to our recent conversation, I wanted to write to emphasise the importance of the Skipton Flood Alleviation Scheme to my constituency.

The project would protect 378 residential properties and 165 businesses currently at risk of flooding. Furthermore, it would release over eight hectares of employment land, with the potential to create 500 jobs and generate approximately £24 million of follow-on private sector investment.

I would be most grateful if you could give strong consideration to this project when allocating resources to the North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

**JULIAN SMTH MP**