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Dear Lucy,

SAFER STREETS FUND

This Government is committed to preventing crime, empowering communities and support our police. This is why last year we launched the first £25 million round of the Safer Streets Fund, a manifesto commitment. This round of funding supported 52 projects across 35 police force areas in England and Wales to invest in a range of situational crime prevention measures in acquisitive crime – including neighbourhood crime - hot spots across England and Wales. Some excellent work was carried out for this round of funding with highly positive responses from local communities. We are currently awaiting the final independent evaluation of these projects, which will add to the evidence base of best practices in crime prevention.

The second, £20 million round of the Safer Streets Fund, running over the 2021/22 financial year, also targets neighbourhood crimes such as burglary and robbery through simple, well-evidenced crime prevention measures including improved streetlighting and home security. We will support 50 projects across 41 police force areas.

I am pleased to let you know a project located in your constituency has been successful in the bidding process.

We will be providing £432,000 of funding to West Mercia PCC who have agreed to match fund this project with £233,630, ensuring maintenance and sustainability beyond the project funding period. This project will carry out a variety of crime prevention measures including target hardening measures for 100 vulnerable homes, 16 cameras with varying capabilities and two alley gates.

I would like to assure you and your constituents that I remain determined to drive down crime, preventing it from happening in the first place, and make our neighbourhoods safer.

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