

Appendix B

First Round Levelling Up Investment Themes

1. Transport

Up to £50M schemes led by Highway authorities, including up-grading of bus and cycling infrastructure to improve access to jobs whilst supporting cleaner air and greener, healthier travel, targeting local road enhancements at congestion pinch points, and repairing bridges to ensure that communities are not isolated from key services. NOTE – the LU Fund supersedes the Pinch Point programme. Project examples:

- New or existing cycling provision
- Improved or new priority schemes for local bus services
- Enhanced public transport facilities, such as bus stops and stations
- Accessibility improvements
- By-passes and junction improvements
- Structural maintenance works to local roads, including bridges
- Multi-modal proposals which combine two or more interventions

2. Regeneration

Building on the approach and investments made so far through the Towns Fund. Examples include:

- Regenerating key leisure and retail sites and improving their security, in order to encourage new businesses and public services to locate there.
- Removing derelict buildings and other eyesores to make way for new developments.
- Site acquisition and remediation of abandoned or brownfield sites, for both commercial and new residential use.
- Improving the public realm including high streets, parks and green spaces, designing out opportunities for crime and anti-social behaviour.
- Creating better connectivity between and within key retail and leisure sites.
- Putting forward 'Town Deals' for individual or groups of smaller towns that did not receive investment from the Towns Fund

3. Culture & Heritage

Investment in cultural assets to rejuvenate places, leading to positive economic and social outcomes at a local level, with examples including:

- Upgrading and creating new cultural and creative spaces including sports or athletics facilities, museums, arts venues, theatres, libraries, film facilities, prominent landmarks or historical buildings, parks or gardens
- New, upgraded or protected community hubs, spaces or assets (and associated green spaces)
- Acquiring and refurbishing key cultural and heritage sites including hotels and historic buildings

Bids can be packages or individual projects.