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Dear Resident or Business Owner/Occupier

INTRODUCING THE PROPOSED NEXT STAGE OF DEVELOPMENTS FOR CASTLE HILL, DUDLEY

In uncertain and challenging times, I really hope you, your family and loved ones are safe and well.

In better circumstances I would want to invite you to attend an exhibition or presentation to provide you with a personal opportunity to engage with the latest proposals to enhance the Castle Hill area of Dudley. Unfortunately, this isn't possible at the moment. However, the Council is trying hard to keep its communities informed about regeneration activity, which is the reason I am contacting you now. In this context, the Dudley Towns Fund Board and Dudley Council are working together to deliver renewal for the people of the Borough.

It is undeniable that regeneration in and around Dudley town centre is happening, with work on the new Dudley Leisure Centre progressing well, for example. The Midland Metro utility works, the National Innovation Centre for Very Light Rail and the Black Country & Marches Institute of Technology at Castle Hill are also moving forward at pace.

In the summer the Council launched a fly-through of Dudley, which for the first time, brought together a striking audio-visual presentation of all the regeneration projects currently underway. The full scale of the town's regeneration projects, along with the fly-through, can be viewed at **www.regeneratingdudley.org.uk** But we aren't finished yet.

This next phase of regeneration for Castle Hill has been informed by the key findings from the Peoples Panel - a previous public consultation undertaken by the Council.

The updated vision for Castle Hill comprises three main elements:

- Next phase of development for Dudley Zoo & Castle.
- New University Centre to expand the Town's Learning Quarter.
- Improved public open spaces and access from Castle Hill to the town centre.

To get your views on the proposed next stage of development, a questionnaire is enclosed, together with an explanatory leaflet.

You can also complete the questionnaire online at **www.regeneratingdudley.org.uk** where you'll find further images and a short video which explains more about the next stage of development for Castle Hill.

A prepaid envelope is provided for the return of your completed questionnaire. The closing date for replies is **Wednesday 16 December at 5pm.**

If you would like to set up a virtual meeting for your area or community to discuss the updated vision for Castle Hill, please do not hesitate to contact Samantha Bright on **01384 816968** or email **samantha.bright@dudley.gov.uk**

We will be speaking to you about more regeneration projects for the town in the coming months, some of which include the redevelopment of heritage buildings, exciting proposals for shopping centres and improvements to more public and open spaces.

Thank you for taking the time to help shape the further renewal of Dudley.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Lovett". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andrew Lovett
Chair, Dudley Towns Fund Board

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