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Boston Borough Council and East Lindsey District Council

Boston

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PE21 6UH

Dear Emma

I am writing on behalf of Boston Preservation Trust to support the proposal to seek "City Status" for Boston.

Boston Preservation Trust has existed since 1935 to preserve the heritage of Boston and to protect its buildings, particularly those surrounding our cultural quarter and Fydell House.

We feel that the ambition for City Status is absolutely right for Boston. It would support the cultural activities of the town and recognise the wide range of heritage-based activities we already enjoy, and give heart to those with ambitions to strengthen this side of our life in Boston.

Boston has deep historic links with Boston, Massachusetts which are well maintained and evidenced through the "Historic Bostons' Partnership". We have many visitors from the USA seeking affirmation of the links between our towns. Of almost equal importance are our founding links with Australia through Sir Joseph Banks, the Endeavour expedition, and the names of Bass and Flinders.

Visitors to today's Boston are impressed by the number of surviving buildings from Georgian Boston, and the outstanding medieval Parish Church, the 'Stump', or the Boston Guildhall, next door to Fydell House.

The status of "City" would amplify these historic roots of our town, and would give heart to the local people supporting and taking part in those cultural and economic things that make Boston interesting and prosperous. Our new arrivals from Eastern Europe will be further encouraged to explore the heritage of the town and to become more involved in areas beyond their day-to-day.

The people of Boston are proud and sometimes stubborn. I believe they support the drive to become a 'City', and I join them in supporting your efforts to achieve this.

Yours Sincerely,

Martin Fairman

Chairman, Boston Preservation Trust

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