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Dear Michelle,

### **Platinum Jubilee Civic Honours Competition**

Thank you so much for your application for Boston to receive city status as part of Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.

The Government has been delighted with the number of places across the United Kingdom, Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories which entered the competition. This competition has been a celebration of not only the rich and diverse communities which make up the United Kingdom, but of communities all across the undivided Realm which the United Kingdom, Crown Dependencies and Overseas Territories constitute. It has been truly inspiring to read the applications, and to see the sense of civic pride on display. As we celebrate the first British Monarch to reach 70 years on the throne, this competition has been a very fitting way to mark this very special occasion.

For the first time, all applications were assessed by an expert panel, with Ministers making final recommendations to Her Majesty The Queen. As you will appreciate, the award of city status is a rare and prestigious honour, granted sparingly. I am sorry that on this occasion I have been unable to make a favourable recommendation to Her Majesty that Boston be awarded city status.

You will, of course, be disappointed not to have been honoured on this occasion. The number and standard of applications was very high. I hope the competition has given your citizens a sense of civic pride, of collective ownership and of community spirit. I have been impressed by the pride and passion which people have shown in putting their nominations forward.

**Yours sincerely,**

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

**Lord True CBE**