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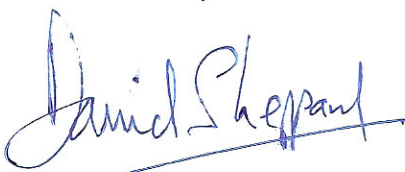
For the new university to achieve its full potential by 2033 with 5,000 students and at least 500 employees it is essential that the county and in particular Hereford City has the transport, utility and communications infrastructure to support this level of growth. Without that essential infrastructure the university will be unable to deliver its full transformative impact on the county's economy in terms of additional jobs, an improved skills base and growing the business sector.

This Government's tacit support for Hereford's University project underlines NMiTE's key national task to revolutionise UK engineering higher education and enhance industry productivity. Lack of infrastructure would severely limit NMiTE's ability to grow to the critical mass essential to achieve these key national objectives.

The Board of HTET recognise that creating a world class engineering university will need to be combined with a parallel development of the services and infrastructure for Hereford and the county. Ensuring and managing these developments will require the collaboration of all those interested in the social and economic prosperity of the County. HTET is keen to work with all parties to approach these complex but vital issues in a spirit of cooperation and willingness to deliver success for the city and county.

It is our board's view that without the prospect of key infrastructure necessary for growth, that it is highly unlikely that NMiTE can deliver the full local and national benefits expected of it.

With best wishes
Yours sincerely



David Sheppard
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For & on behalf of the Board