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Dear Mathew

Attached is a copy of the Action Plan you presented to us at our last general meeting in which we have inserted our comments on the various actions proposed. We would welcome an opportunity to come in and talk through some of the items in more detail.

In terms of overarching priority rectification of poor television reception and mobile phone reception has very broad popular support. On equal par and critically important for the development of home based businesses in the valley economy is Internet access. We need immediate expansion of ADSL2+ capacity but more importantly we need early access to broadband. Whilst we appreciate that council has little direct control on these issues we need council to push the relevant authorities to expedite development in these areas. Our other priority concern relates to the question of business development and jobs in the valley and we would welcome the meeting with Councils Economic Development Officer proposed by you in this regard.

In terms of spend priorities we regard toilets at Londenderry Reserve and Hyde Park Reserve as key items for early spend. Both locations are popular sites making suitable toilets a priority in order to improve hygiene. Second on our list would be a picnic facilities at Londenderry reserve, we don't believe Cranebrook park reserve, which enjoys only very limited use, warrants further spend.

You will note in the Action Plan comments we have referenced a tourism brochure. Funding for that would be appreciated, it should be noted however that the Western Crossings Trust a charitable trust of which we are the trustee has made application for a community grant to cover the further expansion of its Hartley Date Signing Project and a small amount to fund a pilot run of this brochure which complements the project.

We look forward to meeting to further progress the development and implementation of the Hartley Improvement Plan.

Yours sincerely

Ramsay Moodie
President HDPa