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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my support for the Otley Riverside Centre's vision for the now-cleared site of the old Bridge End Auction Mart.

This project embodies the values and aspirations of our community, promoting sustainability, inclusivity, and well-being for all residents.

The proposed Otley Riverside Centre aims to create a multifunctional space that will serve as a focal point for community activities, events, and services. This initiative is particularly commendable for its focus on environmental sustainability, as the project plans include green building practices, energy efficiency, and the promotion of biodiversity. Such efforts are crucial in our collective fight against climate change and in fostering a culture of environmental stewardship in Otley.

The Centre's vision to provide facilities for local groups, educational workshops, and health and well-being activities addresses the diverse needs of our community. The emphasis on inclusivity ensures that individuals of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities can benefit from the Centre's offerings. This initiative will undoubtedly enhance the social fabric of Otley, fostering stronger community bonds and providing essential services and support to residents.

The Otley Riverside Centre also promises to be a catalyst for economic growth in the area. By creating a new venue for events and gatherings, the Centre will attract visitors and stimulate local businesses. The project's commitment to using local suppliers and contractors further underscores its potential to contribute positively to the local economy.

I endorse this project and urge all stakeholders, including local government, businesses, and residents, to support this visionary plan. The Otley Riverside Centre represents a forward-thinking approach to community development, one that prioritises sustainability, inclusivity, and economic vitality.

Although I will no longer be the Member of Parliament for this area after the upcoming General Election, I remain committed to supporting this project and the community of Otley in any capacity I can. I look forward to witnessing the positive impact this Centre will have on our community and hope to see its successful realisation.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Sobel MP
Member of Parliament for Leeds North West