

# Trowbridge Town Council

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## **BORROWING APPROVAL**

Dear Jane

Congratulations on your appointment to the department responsible for local government, which of course includes parish and town councils.

As you will know, Trowbridge Town Council has been seeking to enhance sports facilities in the community for many years and has secured S106, CIL and a grant from the Football Foundation for a 3G pitch at Doric Park. We applied to DCLG for Borrowing Approval back in July 2021 with the documents requested in the application form, as we had with previous applications. We were asked later that year to progress the project to tender, prior to the application being considered further. We did this, chose a preferred supplier and submitted a revised application on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022. In addition I have, this week, forwarded a Valuation report, which whilst not requested formally by the Parish Borrowing Team was suggested by Councillor Edward Kirk as necessary.

The application form includes the following statement; *'If an applicant council is successful, processing of the borrowing approval should generally take between 3 – 4 weeks from the date of its receipt by DLUHC.'* Whilst the town council appreciates that larger borrowing amounts may take more time to assess, it would be appreciated if progress could be made to avoid further significant increases in the tender price due to construction inflation. Anything you can do to ensure the timeliness of processing of this and other parish borrowing approval applications would be much appreciated.

Yours sincerely

Lance Allan

Town Clerk & CEO

cc Andrew Murrison MP, Michelle Donelan MP.