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Mr Peter Adams
Head of Metro Development
Centro
(By email)

Dear Peter

Metro extension to Dudley

As you are aware, Dudley College of Technology has been instrumental in the regeneration of Dudley town centre, having spent £60 million in the creation of the Dudley Learning Quarter, which comprises new start of the art facilities at Dudley Evolve, Dudley Sixth, Dudley Advance Centre for Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Technologies, and Dudley Advance II, Centre for Advanced Building Technologies.

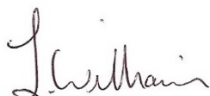
The next critical phase of the college's development is the University Centre Dudley, an exciting new partnership offering higher level skills training in the technologies of the future operating from inspirational new facilities. Working in partnership with Higher Education institutions, UCD will offer progression pathways to degree and master level programmes which will be developed and delivered through the academic specialisms of partner universities who are recognised world-leaders in their field.

UCD will be located in Dudley on land adjacent to the Tipton Road in very close proximity to Dudley town centre, Castle Gate and the Dudley Learning Quarter on land next to WMG's *Very Light Rail Innovation Centre*, in effect creating a university technical park in Dudley.

The extension of the metro route to Dudley is a fundamental requirement in respect of the development of the UCD. The specialist facilities and resources provided by the UCD will draw learners from across the region and beyond. It is vital that there is an adequate public transport network to provide access to the UCD and the metro is integral to this. Failure to secure the metro extension would put into question the development of the University Centre Dudley.

Should you require any further information on this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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PRINCIPAL