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Nadhim Zahawi MP  
Minister for Business and Industry  
Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy  
1 Victoria Street  
London  
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You met with Mark Bretton, Chair, LEP Network on 29 October who passed on your message regarding geographical overlaps.

I share your frustration that this issue has yet to be resolved. We have repeatedly made representations to Government to address this issue. I am attaching a copy of the most recent letter we sent, to which we have still not received a response. Since writing we have now published the Buckinghamshire Industrial Strategy and agreed the Buckinghamshire Growth Board. Anything you could do to expedite a decision would be appreciated.

I am copying this letter to Stephen Jones and Mark Bretton.

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8 July 2019

Rt. Hon. James Brokenshire, MP  
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Ministry for Housing, Communities and Local Government  
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**LEP OVERLAP**

It would be good to sort the Buckinghamshire LEP/SEMLEP overlap now the new Buckinghamshire Unitary Council Order has been approved; discussions around a Bucks Growth Board are progressing and the publication of the Buckinghamshire LEP Local Industrial strategy on 19 July 2019 is imminent.

You will be aware of the support which Buckinghamshire LEP has from our five MPs – as you know, David Lidington wrote to you on 7 June 2019. Can we now expedite a decision – it's an easy win for the Ministry and will demonstrate progress to the PAC.

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