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To the Portas Pilot Assessors

Dear Sirs

The Buxton Group is campaigning organisation which tries to promote the interests of those who live and work in Buxton and the visitors on which the town is heavily dependent. Our monthly meetings monitor planning applications and other developments and try to influence events so that changes are always for the better. Our officers and members make representations to the council and maintain good communications so that everyone can contribute to the campaigning if they wish.

At our last meeting, on 7th March, the Portas Pilot topic produced much discussion and wide comment. The meeting was unanimously supportive of the scheme to create a Town Team to bring life back into the town centre and strengthen the retail offer. At that stage, the group working on the bid had produced a ten point plan which we supported in principle. We had various suggestions for the fine tuning of these points and have submitted them as our contribution to the scheme.

We are aware that the scheme has moved on and we are now enthusiastic about the establishment of Buxton as an "Entrepreneur Town" building on Buxton's existing strengths with significant input from the University of Derby.

We are delighted that so many local groups are happily collaborating on this venture and have appointed one of our members to be our representative.

We sincerely hope that Buxton will benefit by being chosen as one of the Portas Pilot Towns but are certain that the creation of a single Town Team to coordinate progress will benefit the town centre in any case.

Yours faithfully

Joanne Hibbert

Chairperson.