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Planning Minister, Nick Boles MP meets with Marple Civic Society

Minister briefed on issues impacting Marple town centre

Commenting on the visit, Gillian Postill, Chair of Marple Civic

Society said: 'By coming to Marple and meeting with us, the visit

enabled us to demonstrate that civic societies are not just about

protesting. We support a town centre foodstore and view it as a

significant regeneration opportunity to breathe life back into the town

which, frankly, is in decline. However, we believe the supporting

traffic management scheme is not good enough. Our aim is to make Marple

a people friendly place but the development is mainly just focused on cars.

We were glad to be able to share this with the Minister who was clearly

interested in what we had to say".

The visit was an opportunity for the Planning Minister to meet Marple

Civic Society to talk about development within the Marple area.

Planning Minister, Nick Boles MP said 'The visit offered me an

opportunity to learn more about Marple and to discuss with the local

community the issues affecting them. I strongly believe that

communities will support new development when it is of a high enough

quality and well thought out. It is good to see the local civic society

making its voice heard. I look forward to hearing how things progress

in Marple."

Gillian Postill said: "Marple is one of the best places in the world,

and Marple Civic Society is proud to be the civic society for the area.

However, our mission is to make Marple an even better place to live. We

are glad the Minister wants to be kept informed and we will certainly

keep him updated." Her sentiments were echoed by Freddie Gick, Chair of Civic

Voice, 'Marple Civic Society is right to voice their concerns to the Minister.

It is important that the views of local communities are taken into

account when a new development is being considered as the high street

is such an important issue. The civic movement is not against

development, in fact we support high quality, well thought out

developments that enhance our cities, towns and villages. We are

pleased to hear that the Minister enjoyed his visit to meet with Marple

Civic Society".