

MESSAGE FOR CIVIC VOICE

I was really encouraged to hear about the launch of Civic Voice. It's based on a great idea – an idea which we've got to get much better at celebrating: that the things that really matter are about quality of life, not quantity of money, and that we tend to find these things in the small and the local, rather than the distant and bulky.

Everyone has their favourite local park, pub, shop, museum, heritage site or library – and we all have memories inspired by and connected to these spots. But unless we all take responsibility for looking after these places, and unless we become much better at stopping local institutions from being closed down, then we are going to see so much of this richness disappear.

I am so pleased to hear that with Civic Voice, people will have a new way of speaking out and protecting these places – and I am delighted to send my very best wishes for the launch. I hope Civic Voice will play a key part in building a stronger, bigger, and more responsible society, and will help put the neighbourhood back at the front of our politics.

**David Cameron**