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Foreword by
His Grace the Duke of Westminster

Even a decade ago if Liverpool had considered bidding for World Heritage status it would surely have been dismissed as far too ambitious. It is a striking indication of how far the city has travelled in radically changing its image that no one is really surprised that it did so and has achieved its aim.

There is little doubt this is probably one of the most exciting and important decisions to affect Liverpool since King John bestowed on it the charter of city eight centuries ago. Further, it has international significance for people across the world.

The accolade of World Heritage status underlines the city's remarkable social, commercial and cultural renaissance in contemporary times; overshadowing even its epic maritime history.

I am doubly pleased, as Grosvenor is embarking on the largest and most dynamic regeneration construction programme in Liverpool's history with the exciting Paradise Street Development. This scheme will transform the face of the city centre and cement the building blocks of Liverpool's future aspirations.