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Dear Sir

LEAPOOL PARK AND RIDE, NOTTINGHAM

I write on behalf of Stagecoach East Midlands to confirm support for Nottinghamshire County Council's bid for funding to deliver the Leapool Park and Ride project at Nottingham.

We are the region's largest bus operator running 20 million miles of local bus services each year and carrying 44 million annual passengers on 475 buses. We have eight operating bases including Worksop, Mansfield and Newark in the Nottinghamshire area. We are a major employer with a total of 1,300 staff.

Stagecoach East Midlands has an excellent track record of working in partnership with Nottinghamshire County Council to continuously invest in the quality of bus services, grow bus patronage, deliver modal shift, reduce congestion, promote accessibility and support economic development. Together we have delivered a number of high profile projects including a range of improvement measures through the Statutory Quality Bus Partnership in Mansfield, and the introduction of Sherwood Arrow bus route connecting Nottingham with Rufford Park and Sherwood Forest.

In June 2018 we invested £3 million in 11 brand new, high quality E400MMC double deckers, which feature e-leather high backed seats and USB charging points, for the Pronto route between Mansfield and Nottingham. These buses are fitted with the latest low emission Euro 6 engines, which already meet the Clean Air Zone standards proposed in Nottingham for 2020.

Stagecoach East Midlands will be pleased to work with Nottinghamshire County Council to match fund and deliver a number of initiatives to support the capital investment in the Leapool Park and Ride project. We will:

- Divert journeys on our Pronto bus service through the Leapool site to provide Monday to Saturday daytime departures every ten minutes in both directions to deliver the 'ride' element on a commercial basis, i.e. without external revenue support. Pronto also runs on Sundays and into the evening.

- We will offer a range of flexible ticketing options for customers of Leapool Park and Ride including weekly and monthly products. Our ticket machines issue and accept smartcards, and advance online ticket purchase is available through our website and mobile app.

- Our buses are fitted with tracking equipment, enabling us to provide real time bus information to Leapool Park and Ride customers through smartphones and roadside display screens.

- We will provide information support to customers via our Customer Services Centre through a range of channels including social media, email, telephone and post.

- We will deliver commuter plans offering a 30% discount on ticket prices to major employers in Nottingham including the City and County Councils, the Universities and the NHS; our target will be to attract 500 participants in the first two years.

- Our in-house design and marketing team will contribute the promotional materials and publicity for the Leapool Park and Ride.

- 1000 'free' taster tickets will be provided for new customers to try the Leapool Park and Ride service.

- We will introduce Travel Training support for vulnerable people and those with special needs to enable them to improve their independence.

- Our bus drivers on the Leapool Park and Ride route will be provided with 'Ambassador' training to help them promote Nottingham's key attractions to visitors and tourists.

Stagecoach is committed to working with Nottinghamshire County Council to deliver this innovative and exciting project and besides the estimated £650k commercial value of the bus service Stagecoach will also be providing £125k of match funding to promote the service.

If we can offer further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully



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Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP,
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Dear Secretary of State,

RE: Transforming Cities Fund – bid proposals within Gedling Borough Council area

Gedling Borough Council is fully supportive of the Transforming Cities Fund bid proposals, which are designed to transform the local sustainable transport offer in order to tackle congestion, reduce car journeys and improve air quality within Gedling Borough and the wider Nottingham conurbation.

Within Gedling borough there is traffic congestion on a number of arterial routes, this is particularly severe around the Daybrook area (A60) where there is a Local Air Quality Management Area. We are therefore pleased to see that Nottinghamshire County Council has developed a number of proposals to address these issues especially trying to reduce the 20,000 car trips along the A60 per day and support the introduction of a new park and ride facility on the A60 (Leapool Island, Redhill) and complementary bus priority measures, which will improve bus service reliability, punctuality and encourage and support modal shift. Gedling Borough Council also welcomes the proposals on the eastern side of Nottingham city which will complement the existing Nottingham Southern Growth Corridor improvements and help mitigate the impact of a number of major redevelopments, currently being built out and /or planned in the future.

Gedling Borough Council supports the aforementioned proposals because they align closely with the Council's strategic objective to develop a vibrant economy supporting growth and development across the Borough and this will be reflected in our revised Core Strategy, which is currently being refreshed.

As the Borough and County Councillor representing Redhill and Arnold North, I'm very aware that local residents are extremely concerned about traffic related issues, particularly in relation to congestion on the A60 Mansfield Road from Daybrook through Redhill towards Leapool Island and I strongly believe these proposals will help address some of these concerns, just as they will have a positive impact for those travelling in and out of the Borough and the wider Nottingham conurbation.

Gedling Borough Council looks forward to the announcement in the Spring and hopes the Government will be able to fund all the proposals in full to transform local transport in Nottinghamshire.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Michael Payne
Deputy Leader of the Council
Borough Councillor for Redhill ward
Nottinghamshire County Councillor for Arnold North

Cc. Cllr John Cottee, Chairman of Communities and Place Committee, Nottinghamshire County Council.

25 November 2019

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Attn: Chris Carter – Head of Transport Strategy

Dear Chris,

Transforming Cities Fund

As Leader of Leicestershire County Council, I am writing to confirm my support for the Derby and Nottingham Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 Strategic Outline Business Case submission.

I am pleased to see that the scope of the proposed Tranche 2 investment includes improvements to the transport network between Derby, Nottingham and the East Midlands Airport (EMA) and East Midlands Gateway in Leicestershire. EMA and the major businesses in the area are important to Leicestershire's economy and to the Midlands more widely.

Growth is already happening in the area, with the development of the East Midlands Gateway Logistic Park and at least 650 new homes being constructed at Castle Donington. Further growth is to come, with ambitious plans to deliver more new houses and jobs as part of the Leicestershire International Gateway proposals identified in Leicester and Leicestershire's Strategic Growth Plan; https://www.llstrategicgrowthplan.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/Final-LL-SGP-December-2018-1.pdf . Therefore, investment in the area that can support these growth ambitions is welcomed.

On 15th May 2019 the County Council declared a Climate Emergency, resolving to work with partners and other public bodies across the county and region to deliver ambitious goals. These proposals have the potential to support both growth and environmental aspirations.

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We look forward to fully engaging with both Derby and Nottingham City Council to support the development and delivery of these Tranche 2 proposals, to the mutual benefit of current and future residents and businesses of Derby, Nottingham and Leicestershire.

Yours sincerely



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5 November 2019

Dear Richard

Nottingham City Council – transforming cities bid

I write to express our support for the upcoming Transforming Cities bid for the Nottingham and Derby regions.

This bid is important to us as it offers a wonderful opportunity to make impactful and lasting changes to the way people move around our cities. This opportunity will allow us to make much needed investment into sustainable travel modes including high quality bus priority infrastructure. In turn, it will help tackle congestion; deliver a reliable, high quality, efficient and cost-effective transport system; and encourage people to travel in a more sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

We recognise that the above improvements are necessary to improve the prosperity of the local economies, in turn creating jobs and employment and making our cities more attractive places to live.

We will support these initiatives financially by; investment in our fleet, ensuring we maintain one of the youngest bus fleets in the UK, meeting the very highest environmental standards and offering the most advanced passenger journey experiences; investing in accessibility information, including on bus audio and visual real time next stop displays; investing in our passenger facing communication systems through web and app platforms; and investing in our ticketing technologies removing barriers to travel and ensuring the most up to date payment methods are available for our customers.

We look forward to the results of the bid and wish Nottingham City Council every success.

Kind regards

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Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Secretary of State,

Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2

Following our support of the Transforming Cities Tranche 1 we feel it is important that support is offered to the Tranche 2 bid. The much larger scale programme has huge potential to benefit our business, the Enterprise Zone within our land and the future prosperity of the Nottingham Derby area where the majority of our employees live.

Boots has worked closely with Nottingham City Council to improve sustainable access to our headquarters, manufacturing and distribution centre and the Nottingham Enterprise Zone. This has included facilitating the Council's delivery of an important pedestrian and cycling link around the Boots estate which is open to our staff and the public. As well as the path a new bridge was installed across the Midland Mainline allowing better access from our site to the tram, cycle and bus routes. The improvements also provided direct sustainable transport routes to Nottingham's two other Enterprise Zone sites.

This current funding proposal will directly address a vital connection into our site and the Enterprise Zone with improvements to bus and cycle routes on Thane Road. It will help our employees and therefore our business. Wider improvements to Queens Drive will provide travel options to our staff will give much better opportunities to cycle or use public transport. This will help traffic flow into our site and around the City as well as benefitting the physical and mental health of our staff.

Yours faithfully

Mark Chivers
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Canal & River Trust

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14 November 2019

Dear Adele,

On behalf of the Canal and River Trust, I would like to offer full support to the DN Metro Transforming Cities tranche 2 bid.

As the managing authority for the Nottingham-Beeston Canal we are fully behind the proposals for continued improvements to the canal that encourage a shift to more sustainable transport modes, supporting long term growth and regeneration in the region. We have recently began working in collaboration with Nottingham City Council on tranche 1 of the Transforming Cities programme to drive investment into the canal as an important civic asset, supporting our vision for the Canal as a place for the communities Health and Wellbeing.

Nottingham is a strategic location for our Regional Team. The works proposed within the bid support the potential redevelopment in the Castle Wharf area where we are committed to further improving the public realm linking with other developments around the City Centre and within the canal corridor.

We have a strong working relationship with the transport and highways officers at Nottingham City Council and are confident that they are set up to continue the delivery of long term transformational change in the city given their strong record on transport projects and the recent high-quality delivery of tranche 1 projects.

The aims and ambitions of the proposals are consistent with those of the Canal and River Trust to create sustainable, connected, characterful and healthy places which people will enjoy for years to come

Yours Sincerely,

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20th November 2019

Dear Keith

Transforming Cities Fund. Cycling and Walking Proposals.

Sustrans is the UK's leading sustainable transport charity and we offer our strong support to the Nottingham Derby metro area Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Tranche 2 bid. Sustrans are working closely with both Councils on the D2N2 LEP wide Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) prioritisation process, from where the cycling and walking schemes in the TCF have been drawn from. We have a longstanding and close working relationship with Nottingham and Derby and attend regular meetings through the Greater Nottingham Cycle Development Group, which we chair and Derby Active Travel Forum, where strategic cycle network issues and associated promotion are discussed, with a variety of key stakeholders.

Sustrans have been able to provide £486,000 of match funding to contribute to the TCF bid, thereby increasing additional investment in the Nottingham Ring Road cycle route upgrade, which will see a section of the National Cycle Network (NCN) rerouted onto this upgraded route ensuring a greater level of protected off road cycle route on the NCN and for Nottingham. One of the reason's we are able to provide investment to Nottingham, is because of Nottingham City Council's excellent track record in improving cycling infrastructure in the city.

We have and will continue to work with the City's to aid design decisions and have worked with Nottingham to produce their well respected Cycle Design Guide.

Schemes within the bid, such as the connections between the two cities and a new bridge over the Trent have the potential to become part of the NCN and we look forward to working with both cities in support of design and promotion of what is a transformational and exciting opportunity to make a real difference to the way people travel around both Nottingham and Derby. The proposed improvement to NCN Route 6, particularly the section of the Riverside Path and Derby Canal Path will benefit users immensely, and significantly improve the National Cycle Network within the Region.

We know that our work and earlier cycle infrastructure development work in Nottingham and Derby has supported local economic growth by reducing congestion and reduced carbon emissions and improved air quality. Sustrans is particularly

pleased to see that cycling infrastructure is a key focus of the Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 proposal both In Nottingham and Derby and between the two cities..

Sustrans very much looks forward to continuing to work in partnership with Nottingham and Derby City Councils to support the delivery of the Cycling and Walking initiatives and interventions outlined in the bid.

Yours sincerely



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22nd November 2019

Dear Keith

Transforming Cities Fund - Bid for Nottingham & Derby

I'm pleased to confirm the support of Notts CTC for this bid which includes improvements to the cycling environment in Nottingham and Derby. We are pleased to have been involved in discussions of the various schemes through the Nottingham Cycling Development Group and the local process for development of a LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Improvement Plan).

Notts CTC is the local group for Nottinghamshire of Cycling UK. We currently have over 900 members and Cycling UK has over 60,000 members nationally.

Best wishes for a successful outcome.

Yours sincerely

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26th November 2019

Dear Chris & Verna,

Re: Transforming Cities Bid

British Cycling has had the pleasure of working in partnership with Nottingham City Council and Derby City Council for several years to support a growth of increasing participation and developing the sport of cycling. We would therefore like to extend our support to the Transforming Cities Bid proposed jointly by both authorities.

We continue to fully support the Transforming Cities Bid, which will continue to deliver about a more sustainable, active and connected transport system, bringing about increased everyday cycling.

British Cycling has a formal partnership with Nottingham City Council, and we deliver several wide-ranging programmes and initiatives across the city which include: Led Ride Programmes (Breeze, Guided Rides, Ride Social), monthly festivals through the Let's Ride Pop Up programme, through to the annual Let's Ride Mass Participation Event. We also deploy a Go-Ride Coach for 2-3 days a week who delivers a host of school, community, club and behaviour change programmes within the city. These programmes help us achieve common objectives across growing cycling participation at all levels for people of all ages, abilities and from the various communities within the city. This supports our vision in having more people undertaking everyday cycling.

Across Derby we have supported the Velodrome development and continue to work closely with the city and look at mechanisms to grow cycling again for people from a range of communities to increase awareness of cycling and undertake a more active approach. Both cities work in close partnership and I see first hand via the Derby Active Travel Forum and the Nottingham Cycling Delivery Group the efforts both authorities go to, to deliver change to impact on their respective communities.

Within Nottingham one of the key schemes that they are looking at is the development of Beechdale Road / Wigman Road where we are looking at changes to the highway via the means of investment which would better connect the leisure facility at Harvey Hadden to the surrounding communities. The Harvey Hadden facility is a key dedicated cycling facility within the region, much like the velodrome in Derby.

We look forward to hearing about the success of the bid and will continue to work together with both authorities to support the common objective of delivering change and increase the number of people cycling.

Yours sincerely,

Steve Johnson
Cycling Delivery Manager, East Midlands

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PEDALS FOR A CYCLE-FRIENDLY NOTTINGHAM



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Tuesday 26th November 2019

Dear Mr Morgan,

Letter of Support for Nottingham City Council's Transforming Cities Fund Bid

I am writing on behalf of Pedals, Nottingham Cycle Campaign to express our support for Nottingham City Council's Transforming Cities Fund bid.

We campaign for a safe, convenient and enjoyable cycle network for everyone. We support Nottingham City Council's TCF bid as an important step towards a city where more people can make everyday journeys by cycling.

We liaise with the Council at Cycling Delivery Group (CDG) meetings and also other, scheme-specific meetings. We have also fed ideas into into the Local Cycling and Walking Investment Plan (LCWIP) consultation process.

We look forward to continuing to work with Nottingham City Council and to push for the high quality cycling infrastructure our progressive city deserves.

Kind regards,

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Dear Chris and Verna

Further to our recent letter of support from our Managing Director Karen Smart to Steve Tough written on 2th June 2019.

Thanks for bringing an update to our Airport Transport Forum on the 22nd October on the preparation of the Tranche 2 Draft Proposals that the City Council is developing for the Nottingham City Region for investment in a sustainable transport programme from the Transforming Cities Fund.

We are very much in support of a number of specific packages proposed as part of your bid submission that focus on improving both bus and cycling connectivity between Nottingham and East Midlands Airport (EMA), the East Midlands Gateway Strategic Rail Freight Interchange (EMG-SRFI) and surrounding businesses.

In particular we would like to express our support for the proposed targeted bus interventions, which include a Demand Responsive Transport Brokerage System to better connect the Derby-Nottingham Urban Fringe, the extended Traffic Light Priority for buses along the Derby – Nottingham Skylink Corridors, and the upgrade to the digital Public Transport information real-time system.

The Airport has worked tirelessly for over 15 years to deliver a good quality and reliable transport infrastructure with improved sustainable travel choices for both passengers and employees. We have an ongoing strategy of investing funding in public transport development to establish transport links to provide access to employment for local communities, directly contributing around £2.7m in subsidies and attracting additional partner funding of around £2.6m.

The current 24-hour, 7-day a week bus network now serves over 3.2m people across Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire and exists as a result of more than a decade of partnership working and investment. The network continues to develop, with the most recent improvements being the extension to Shepshed and Coalville in 2016, the launch of the Nottingham Express serving Clifton in 2017, the extension of the My15 service from Ilkeston to the airport in 2018, and most recently the extension of a service from Burton-on-Trent, Swadlincote, and Ashby-de-la-Zouch to EMA via Melbourne, launched in October 2019.

We would also like to express our support for targeted cycling interventions, and in particular for the proposed 'Nottingham to EMA Cycle route', developed in partnership with Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire County Councils and Kegworth Parish Council. This 8-mile route from South Nottingham to the Rail Freight Interchange and East Midlands Airport will be made up of traffic free paths or low traffic and low speed roads running parallel to the A453 and will include the use of the old Ashby Road and part of the Airport Perimeter Trail at EMA. It will support both local and longer commutes, helping to safely connect thousands of people living in Nottingham and along the route to the many jobs available at the Airport and at the Gateway. In addition, it will provide the opportunity for local connections from the Airport to the East Midlands Gateway, Kegworth, the University of Nottingham Sutton Bonnington Campus and East Midlands Parkway.

The airport along with other larger employers on our site has invested in cycling and walking facilities and infrastructure across our site, including footpaths, cycling shelters and safe crossing facilities across the busy A453 onto our site from the South. We actively promote cycling to our employees including offering loans to purchase bikes as part of our employee benefits package. We plan to continue to invest in cycling infrastructure as we grow, including investigating the feasibility of offering cycle hire and e-bike charging facilities. We very much welcome proposals that will help reconnect those communities East of the M1 with employment opportunities at and near our site.

We understand that the overall objective of the Fund is to drive up productivity and spread prosperity in some of the largest English city regions through investment in public and sustainable transport. The focus of the Fund is on intra-city connectivity and access to jobs. We support and welcome this overall objective.

Nottingham is one of the most important economic and employment centres in the East Midlands and the city is a key driver of growth across the region. Accessibility and connectivity to the other cities and key gateways is also important to capitalise on and to drive wider regional economic growth. Within the Nottingham City Region there are several growth hubs and key development sites. These include the City Centre, Infinity Park, the Enterprise Zone along with the important transport links to East Midlands Airport and in the longer term at the East Midlands HS2 station at Toton.

East Midlands Airport is a key UK airport. It is the UK's largest express freight airport, and the UK's second largest cargo airport after London Heathrow. It is also a significant regional passenger airport providing international connectivity for passengers across the East Midlands. It is estimated that the Airport annually generates some £440m of direct, indirect and induced GVA and it is also recognised as an important regional economic and employment asset. There are currently nearly 10,000 jobs within the Airport site and a further 6,000 jobs are expected to be created at the adjacent East Midlands Gateway Strategic Rail Freight interchange. Employment at the Airport has grown by 19% over the past two years and is expected to grow substantially over the next decade.

Our strategic approach is to deepen the role that the Airport plays in the wider East Midlands and in the key City Regions of Nottingham, Derby and Leicester. Improving connectivity is important in growing the Airport's passenger catchment, it helps to capitalise on the unique national cargo asset and it provides fast and convenient access to jobs at the Airport and in the surrounding area. We are committed to continue working with our partners to help deliver a high quality and reliable transport infrastructure with sustainable travel choices for our passengers and for employees working on the Airport site. This will increase the efficiency and convenience for Airport users and improve access to work for existing and future employees.

We have strong partnerships with transport authorities and operators. Recently Transport for the East Midlands and Midlands Connect set out a shared vision and strategic transport priorities for the region. Improving access to the Airport is one of six key priorities. We are therefore happy support the expression of interest for investment from the Transforming Cities Fund and we look forward to working with our partners in the Nottingham City Region to improve transport links across the local area including connectivity to East Midlands Airport.

Yours sincerely

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26th November 2019

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Dear Cllr Williams,

On behalf of Kegworth Parish Council, we would like to offer our strongest support to the DN Metro Transforming Cities tranche 2 bid.

We welcome the collaborative approach and ambition to deliver joined up transport improvements across administrative boundaries that will encourage a shift to more sustainable transport modes to support long term growth.

We are enthusiastic to be involved in the delivery of such a vital and forward-thinking proposal that will undoubtedly deliver a number of benefits.

As a Parish Council – representing a village often at the periphery of strategic planning – we believe the proposed investment in infrastructure and integration of local transport networks is essential. Local economic development is predicated on grasping the opportunities provided by our regionally significant hubs, namely the East Midlands Gateway and Airport, and connecting them to population centres. However, sustainable progress can only be realised by a holistic, far-reaching strategy, such as the one articulated in this bid.

The TCF application provides a visionary approach to encouraging responsible development, underpinned by sustainable travel routes that will deliver significant benefits to many in local communities. In addition to new employment opportunities, it would also bring real improvements in quality of life, health and wellbeing and community cohesion.

We particularly welcome the proposals to provide a strategic cycle connection from Nottingham to Kegworth and on to East Midlands Airport. This supports the aims in the draft Kegworth Active Travel Plan, enabling more people to use sustainable methods of travel for shorter journeys within the local area, in particular to major employers at East Midlands Gateway and East Midlands airport. It also supports multi-modal journeys via local transport interchanges at East Midlands Gateway and the East Midlands Parkway railway station, enabling cycling to be part of a longer journey across the railway and bus networks. Furthermore, there are also potential benefits to local retailers derived from more leisure users following the route from Nottingham and travelling through Kegworth.

We are also pleased to see proposed improvements to infrastructure and services in the wider public transport network. Expanded traffic light priority and new bus lanes for buses operating on the Skylink network will

improve the reliability and connectivity of bus services in and around Kegworth. The reliability of the Derby Skylink service into Kegworth will particularly benefit from the corridor improvements proposed along its route. Investment in digital public transport information systems will improve the passenger experience by providing richer disruption and service updates. A proposed Demand Responsive Transport system has the potential to better connect areas that are on the urban fringe, like Kegworth, into local employment hubs and mainstream public transport networks that serve both Derby and Nottingham.

The proposed developments are closely aligned with the Parish Council's own aspirations for sustainable travel in the area, which are described in our 'Kegworth Village Active Travel Plan'. This plan has been developed in close cooperation with Leicestershire County Council, and an initial draft is included in Nottingham's application as an appendix.

Following the opening of the bypass, Kegworth Parish Council is working to redevelop the centre of our village, reclaim it for our community and revitalise the local economy. Increasing village connectivity is vital for realising these ambitions, providing local commuters and leisure travellers with safe and sustainable access to village services, employment hubs and population centres. An Active Travel corridor from Nottingham/Derby to the East Midlands Airport/Gateway, integrated with local improvements in village infrastructure, is the perfect foundation.

For these reasons, Kegworth Parish Council fully supports the DN Metro Transforming Cities Tranche 2 proposals. Should the application be funded the Parish Council will **provide match funding of at least £10,000** towards improvements to village walking and cycling infrastructure, such as crossing facilities, to support the proposed Active Travel corridor and ensure that Kegworth becomes central to the planned network.

Furthermore, we will work closely with Nottingham City Council, Leicestershire County Council and other supporting authorities to further develop sustainable and active travel in the area. We foresee Kegworth as a hub, with connections to the National Cycle Network and venues and villages in all directions.

The TCF application has all the ingredients to launch the sustainable regeneration of the village and local economy, and we wish it every success.

Yours sincerely,

Victoria

Vicky Roe
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20th November 2019

Dear Verna,

Re: D2N2 Transforming Cities Fund Tranche 2 Bid

On behalf of intu Derby, intu Broadmarsh and intu Victoria Centre ('intu'), we would like to express our full support for the D2N2 bid to deliver a programme of transport schemes through Tranche 2 of the Government's Transforming Cities Fund to improve public transport, reduce congestion and better connect our two cities.

intu provides the East Midlands region with a diverse range of exciting retail and leisure opportunities, attracting some 56 million visits per annum across our three centres. We play a significant role in the local economy, contributing £609.6 million and supporting 16,347 jobs across our centres (representing 3%-4% of all jobs in their respective cities) in 2018.

We have made significant investment into our East Midlands locations over recent years – in Nottingham, the refurbishment of intu Victoria Centre is now being complimented by the total transformation of intu Broadmarsh, whilst at intu Derby the leisure box development converted an area of our car parks into new evening leisure attractions. Totalling close to £130 million, these investments are creating new job opportunities and additional footfall, as well as helping to revitalise the region's evening economy - all of which requires an attractive transport system to support these developments.

Furthermore, operating our centres in a sustainable manner is an integral part of intu's corporate social responsibility ethos; this includes the provision of a diverse and sustainable mix of transport modes and facilities, which is itself a vital element in ensuring the continued attraction and success of our centres. It is important for us to take a holistic view as the private car will continue to be an important element in attracting people to our locations, whilst sustainable modes of transport are extremely vital to our operations and sustaining our centres' footfall – latest available data indicates 80% of staff and 74% visitors travel by non-car means to our Nottingham centres, with equivalent figures of 49% of staff and 45% of visitors at intu Derby.

Nevertheless, we do recognise that whilst traffic generated by our centres' operations form part of the wider problem, we are also an integral part of any future solution. As such, intu very much welcome the opportunity to collectively support what we believe will be an important and timely bid, helping deliver a further step-change in our region's transport systems and a shift towards greater decarbonisation.

It is pleasing to see the scope of this bid encompasses the overall D2N2 region, with workstreams focussing on both intra- and inter-city connectivity and integration. In terms of our commitment, intu have developed close working links with the respective authorities and transport operators across Derby and Nottingham and will continue to support these links. We've already collaborated on a variety of initiatives including the Derby Connected programme which helped fund the delivery of an expanded and refurbished secure cycle facility for all staff working across intu Derby.

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In Nottingham, the Go Ultra Low scheme helped to bring 32 EV charging bays – the largest single EV installation in the city to date – to intu Victoria Centre as part of our overall car park refurbishment programme, with further bays to be included in the new Broadmarsh MSCP upon its reconstruction. The importance of local bus services must not be overlooked either, and we welcome the proposed enhancements to bus corridors to provide a range of attractive and reliable options for travelling across the region.

Another key area of interest for intu's CEO are those measures which improve mental health and well-being, so it is very encouraging to see the raft of initiatives designed to help promote greater uptake of active travel. Whilst cycling currently forms a low proportion of our overall travel to work figures, we believe there is untapped potential for encouraging more cycling to work, should the proposed routes and enhancements be implemented by this bid.

Our colleagues across the three centres are pleased to be able to continue the excellent relationships we have with regional partners and help support the ambition of this next tranche of the TCF programme.

In conclusion, intu very much welcome this latest D2N2 bid and how it will bring further transport and economic benefits to the East Midlands region. We both wish the combined bid team every success and look forward to working closely with the region to deliver on this exciting opportunity.

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