

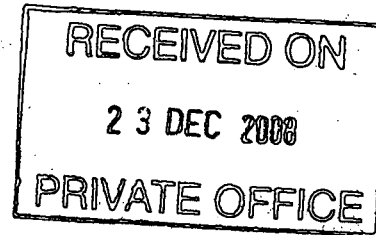


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The Rt Hon Geoff Hoon MP  
Secretary of State for Transport  
Department for Transport  
Great Minster House  
76 Marsham Street  
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Dear Geoff

To say I am still a little dejected after the overwhelming defeat in the TIF referendum would be to say the least, a bit of an understatement. Clearly our current proposals are now completely dead and we will need a period of reflection in Greater Manchester before bringing any new proposals forward. In the meantime I wanted to thank you and your predecessor Secretaries of State for your help and support over what is now many years of working up our TIF bid, and also to thank officials in the Department for the exemplary work they have done with our officers here.

Best wishes,

Yours sincerely

Richard Leese

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