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Dear Mr Kalra,

South East Dorset Sustainable Travel Package – “The 3 Towns Corridor”

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to prepare and submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal presented a good focus on the 3 Towns Corridor, with a number of measures to target the problem. The Department encourages you to achieve further engagement with the private sector in developing your business case. Your proposal presented good potential for economic benefits, which should form part of your business case. Overall this was assessed as a solid and deliverable proposal.

Guidance on how to complete a full business case will be issued shortly. Ministers expect your business case to have clear objectives, presenting succinctly how your plans will deliver on the two Fund objectives of creating economic growth and cutting carbon. Your business case will need to be coherent in setting out what you aim to achieve, and will need to demonstrate how the investment will present a long-lasting legacy beyond the timeframe of the Fund.

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Yours sincerely,

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Dear Mr Cox,

West of England Sustainable Travel (WEST)

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to prepare and submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This is a well targeted proposal focusing on major employment areas, showing genuine private sector involvement. The freight distribution component is positive. The electric vehicles network is ambitious and may require additional attention in developing your business case. Your full business case will need to set out more clearly your plans for financial sustainability.

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Dear Mr Magrath,

Smart Network, Smarter Choices

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. For the reasons set out below, Ministers have requested that you revise the scope and budget outlined in your initial proposal. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal has potential, but we felt that it was currently targeted at too many corridors, with too many interventions, and could be better integrated as a package. It will need refinement and focus on corridors where the growth constraints are worst, and on specific interventions to address these.

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Dear Mr Harrison,

Access to Education

Thank you for your large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in June. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided not to invite you to develop a business case for this large project in its current form, but would like to invite you to resubmit your proposal as a small-scale bid of up to £5m in Tranche 2 by 24 February 2012.

I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

The Department is confident in the abilities of Devon County Council and Sustrans to deliver effective projects, however consistent quality delivery is a risk for a proposal with 36 further partner authorities. We consider this bid has potential to reduce car travel to school and hence local congestion and therefore in turn boost economic growth, but the potential to reduce local congestion and increase growth in all 37 areas is unclear. You are invited to scale back this proposal to focus only on those areas with demonstrable congestion hotspots, where that congestion impedes economic growth. Scaling back to, for example, 6-8 key areas should enable a Tranche 2 small bid with real potential. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice. Please contact
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Thank you for taking the time to submit your initial proposal to the Fund. I realise this decision will come as a disappointment, but wish you every success in the further development of a revised bid.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Bird,

The Greater Essex Integrated Network Management Programme

Thank you for your large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in June. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided not to invite you to develop a business case for this large project. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a large number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

Your proposal did not perform well against the Fund objectives, and did not demonstrate a strong package approach to projects. It was not clear what additional benefits the LSTF funding would bring beyond the proposed local contribution. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice. Please contact xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I am afraid that this proposal will not be eligible for resubmission as a smaller-scale bid in Tranche 2.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your initial proposal to the Fund. I realise this decision will come as a disappointment, and that your authority put considerable time and effort into preparing it. I wish you every success in the future development of sustainable transport initiatives in your area.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Mr Wood,

BIG HERTS BIG IDEAS

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This is a well thought through proposal which will require further development in the business case for certain areas e.g. the schools programme. The proposal contained a detailed package of focused measures which build on your successful key component bid and address travel to work well. The proposal demonstrated a good balance between improving services, and promotions and marketing. Your business case will need to be clear about the benefits being proposed and the population benefiting from the investment.

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Dear Mr Kirby,

Lancashire Sustainable Transport and Jobs

Thank you for your large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in June. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided not to invite you to develop a business case for this large project in its current form, but would like to invite you to resubmit one element of your proposal as a small-scale bid of up to £5m in Tranche 2 by 24 February 2012.

I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

The assessment process concluded that some components of your proposal were well evidenced, but this was not sufficient across the whole programme, which overall was considered too diffuse to shortlist. Element 2 (key corridors) was regarded as the strongest aspect of this proposal, and this should be considered as the central component of a Tranche 2 bid. Ministers will expect to see a clearer focus on increasing economic growth and reducing carbon. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice. Please contact xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Thank you for taking the time to submit your initial proposal to the Fund. I realise this decision will come as a disappointment, but wish you every success in the further development of a revised bid.

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Dear Mr Bishop,

Nottingham Urban Area LSTF Main Bid Expression of Interest

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to prepare and submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal demonstrated that you are taking an integrated approach, working with neighbouring authorities. Your full business case will need to focus more on demonstrating how different elements link together, since your proposal contains a huge number of schemes and it was not always clear how these relate to one another. Financial sustainability will also need addressing. Your headline targets are strong, however evidence concerning the value of packages will need further development in your business case. Your business case will also be strengthened by demonstrating endorsement from your LEP, a reasonable level of private sector funding in your local contribution, and a greater number of private sector partners.

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Dear Mr Howell,

Delivering Economic Growth and Reducing Carbon Emissions in the Oxfordshire Growth Arc (Science Vale – Oxford – Bicester)

Thank you for your large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in June. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided not to invite you to develop a business case for this large project, for the reasons set out below. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a large number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

The connection between the three main components in your proposal was not clear, and the assessment process concluded that there was a lack of a unifying proposal. The solutions were presented through a wide range of potentially unlinked initiatives. Benefits to the economy were not considered significant for the proposed improvements to the station, while the need for a Bicester Park and Ride was not clearly demonstrated. The London Road bus priority measures can still be delivered through your LTP, and the Thornhill Park and Ride, which has already been funded as a key component project, was regarded as the strongest part of this proposal. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice. Please contact xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx

I am afraid that this proposal will not be eligible for resubmission as a smaller-scale bid in Tranche 2.

Thank you for taking the time to submit your initial proposal to the Fund. I realise this decision will come as a disappointment, and that your authority put considerable time and effort into preparing it. I wish you every success in the future development of sustainable transport initiatives in your area.

Yours sincerely,



Jessica Matthew

Dear Mrs Baxter,

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Targeting Travel Choice Transitions

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to prepare and submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal performed well against the Fund's policy objectives. However some concern was expressed during the assessment process about low fare incentives and long term sustainability. Your business case will need to identify how these will be delivered, and what the risks are to revenue if there is large take-up of low fare incentives. Your business case will need a broader assessment of value for money than your proposal provided.

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Dear Ben,

A Sustainable Economic Growth Programme

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. For the reasons set out below, Ministers have requested that you revise the scope and budget outlined in your initial proposal. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal offers a good evidence base and has potential, but was considered to be too disparate, with 19 projects across 10 different areas across the region. The assessment process raised questions about whether there is sufficient recognition of the effort required to deliver such an ambitious project. The links to work were well set out, and demonstration of potential impact was well presented, but the number of priorities caused some concern. The ERDF funding, which is a component of your local contribution, is not yet confirmed, which is also of some concern. The business case will need greater focus, concentrating on a smaller list of projects working across fewer places.

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Dear Mr Reeve,

Surrey TravelSMART

I am pleased to inform you that Ministers are inviting you to submit a business case for the above large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. For the reasons set out below, Ministers have requested that you revise the scope and budget outlined in your initial proposal. I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

This proposal contained well tailored packages, and was considered to have potential, but the business case needs to be based on two or three sustainable travel towns, with a more comprehensive package of behaviour change measures, and greater clarity on which people, places and journey purposes are going to benefit. Evidence will be required for the decisions concerning which places you select for the large project business case. More involvement from major employers will be needed during business case preparation. The measures are fairly infrastructure led, and it was not always clear from the initial proposal why certain measures have been proposed.

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Dear Mr Freeman,

Telford Future – local action for sustainable growth

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This proposal was logically set out within a clear context, with potential to have good economic benefits for the local area. There was some concern during the assessment process that a large proportion of the requested funding is capital. Your full business case will need to explain more clearly the impacts of this project on the local economy.

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Dear Mr Leather,

Sustainable Travel in Greater Manchester

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This proposal was considered to have potential to address congestion, reduce carbon and improve access to key local centres (and thereby increase economic growth). However, as presented in the initial proposal, it provided insufficient evidence and was not always clear in describing how different projects link together.

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Dear Mr Harrison,

Access to Education

Thank you for your large project initial proposal to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in June. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided not to invite you to develop a business case for this large project in its current form, but would like to invite you to resubmit your proposal as a small-scale bid of up to £5m in Tranche 2 by 24 February 2012.

I can tell you that we received a healthy response to the Fund and a considerable number of proposals which Ministers fully considered before arriving at their decisions.

The Department is confident in the abilities of Devon County Council and Sustrans to deliver effective projects, however consistent quality delivery is a risk for a proposal with 36 further partner authorities. We consider this bid has potential to reduce car travel to school and hence local congestion and therefore in turn boost economic growth, but the potential to reduce local congestion and increase growth in all 37 areas is unclear. You are invited to scale back this proposal to focus only on those areas with demonstrable congestion hotspots, where that congestion impedes economic growth. Scaling back to, for example, 6-8 key areas should enable a Tranche 2 small bid with real potential. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice. Please contact
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Thank you for taking the time to submit your initial proposal to the Fund. I realise this decision will come as a disappointment, but wish you every success in the further development of a revised bid.

Yours sincerely,



Jessica Matthew