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Dear David

Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Revenue 2015/16: Application by Medway Council

The South East LEP is pleased to support Medway Council's 2015/16 LSTF bid for revenue funding to deliver and promote sustainable transport measures. A significant component of our South East Transport Deal is the commitment to sustainable transport, including both capital investment and revenue expenditure.

Medway Council's £163,000 revenue bid for a bicycle bus initiative and supported promotional activities on all aspects of road safety and sustainable travel will have a significant impact of cycling in Medway. The bicycle bus scheme will provide an important link between Chatham Maritime and Medway City Estate which are significant destinations for employment, education and leisure. This will provide an important link on the cycle network and allow transport integration between the different modes of transport of cycling, buses and train, giving an alternative option to the private vehicle.

The ongoing promotion by Medway Council's Road Safety team will include walking and cycling campaigns, and will also link to schemes with its neighbouring authority, Kent County Council. The employment of a Sustrans Bikeit Officer is also proposed as part of our bid.

This proposal is aligned with significant amounts of Local Authority and private investment and it is also clearly with a Local Growth Fund capital funding bid for LSTF measures for Medway.

I am very pleased support your bid and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the Medway Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Jones".

Peter Jones, CBE
Chair, South East Local Enterprise Partnership