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24 March 2017

Dear Mr Wood

A38/A617 Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route Maintenance Challenge Fund Bid

The A38 and A617 Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route (MARR) is vital to the local area and the wider county of Nottinghamshire and I support the bid to improve the condition of this road to help ensure that it can withstand future growth and minimise future disruption on the route.

The A38 and A617 play an essential role in delivering growth in Mansfield; and the Mansfield growth plan specifically identifies both housing and employment growth along this transport corridor. The route also provides a key east-west link across the county between the M1 and A1 and therefore helps link residents and local businesses to the strategic road network and therefore markets further afield.

Maintaining this route to provide infrastructure that is fit for purpose both now and in the future is therefore vital to retain and attract inward investment in the area, enable growth to occur, as well as helping local communities to access jobs, thereby maximising their employment opportunities.

Given the strategic nature of the A38 and A617 the proposed bid supports a number of national and local economic priorities (as summarised above) and is fully aligned with the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership Growth Strategy. Effective, well maintained infrastructure is one of the essential elements that underpins the economic competitiveness of an area, and is required to deliver sustainable economic growth. The proposed bid will help Nottinghamshire's transport network more resilient to support and encourage growth in the Mansfield and Ashfield areas, helping to make D2N2 one of the strongest and most resilient economic regions in the UK.

Yours sincerely

Sir Alan Meale MP



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Our Ref: LA/DE P01002/01170174

30 March 2017

Dear Sir,

Re: Maintenance Challenge Fund bid - A38 and A617 MARR

I am writing to you in support of Nottinghamshire County Council's bid to the Maintenance Challenge Fund. As the Local Member of Parliament I understand that the improvements outlined in the bid are essential if Ashfield & Eastwood is to continue to grow economically.

Ashfield is an area of Nottinghamshire that relies heavily on transport connectivity for access to employment, health services, education including colleges and apprenticeships for our young people and for the development of the local economy as a whole, it is therefore paramount that we do everything we can to keep our key roads accessible, flowing and in good repair.

This bid is a very real opportunity for the Department for Transport to support a district in the North of Nottinghamshire and support the development of its growing local economy. In Ashfield we are constantly looking for ways and developing projects and infrastructure that will enable us to combat the health inequalities and employment inequalities that exist. I am therefore more than happy to fully support the bid for funding that will enable the County Council to make improvements to the condition of the carriageway on sections of the A38 and A617 Mansfield Ashfield Regeneration Route (MARR) with a specific focus on the A38 between Coxmoor Road and Sheepbridge Lane and on the A617 MARR from its junction with the A38 to Adams Way roundabout.



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The A38/A617 route provides a key east-west link across the county between the M1 and A1 and is well used by both Heavy Goods Vehicles and cars. There is also economic and housing development planned along the route. This funding will enable the County Council to undertake structural repairs at key locations and junctions to ensure that the route remains fit for purpose and can withstand the current and predicted usage and will enable the Council to undertake the repairs in a manner that will cause less long-term traffic disruption from maintenance works for local businesses and residents as the proposed carriageway maintenance works will be undertaken all at once, rather than the works being undertaken on a smaller scale, more often, over a number of years as existing funding permits. The works will also offer long-term financial savings through economies of scale delivery.

As the Member of Parliament for Ashfield & Eastwood I am in full support of the bid and I ask that the Department of Transport grant the funding in order to keep Ashfield moving and growing for the better of our local communities.

Yours sincerely

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Gloria De Piero
MP for Ashfield



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23rd March 2017

Dear Gary,

Letter of Support: A38/A617 MARR Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund

The Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2) are writing to offer a their support for towards Nottinghamshire County Council's Local Highways Challenge Maintenance Fund bid for the A38/A617 MARR project. Within D2N2 our vision is to make the area one of the strongest and most resilient economic regions in the UK by supporting and encouraging growth in the D2N2 region.

To be able to achieve this Nottinghamshire needs to be able to provide effective and well maintained infrastructure. Infrastructure is one of the 'fundamentals' that underpins the economic competitiveness of an area and well maintained infrastructure in particular is an essential element if the county is to deliver sustainable economic growth. D2N2 has shown a commitment to Nottinghamshire's infrastructure growth through its Local Growth Fund and would continue to support the county's continuing infrastructure development and improvements.

The improvements included within this bid will enable the council to undertake repairs to the road which will withstand current and predicted future usage on the route. The advantage of using the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund will cause significantly less long term disruption to local businesses and residents through a single package of works which will be of benefit to the economy of D2N2.

We hope this bid is successful and look forward to seeing the benefits a successful bid would bring to Nottinghamshire County Council as well as the positive impact it will have on the County's transport offer and infrastructure network.

Chairman: Peter Richardson
The Local Enterprise Partnership for Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire
8 Experian Way ng2 Business Park Nottingham NG2 1EP

Yours Sincerely

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David Ralph
Chief Executive

Mansfield District Council

Our Ref: BS/SP

Your Ref: AM/

Mr Anthony May
Chief Executive
Nottinghamshire County Council

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21st March 2017

Dear Anthony

Maintenance Challenge Fund application

I am writing in full support of your bid to the Maintenance Challenge Fund which identifies key infrastructure projects within Nottinghamshire. The A38 and A617 Mansfield and Ashfield Regeneration Route (MARR) is vital to ensuring the connectivity of our district in terms of our growth agenda for housing and employment, it is also a key route for our community travel to work zones ensuring that access to employment opportunities is maximised. You will be aware of the strategic importance of this route in terms of access to the A1 to the East and the M1 to the West.

Our Economic growth plan identifies this area as a priority for both housing and employment growth and we have developed in partnership with yourselves and the private sector our Berry Hill scheme which will see an additional 1700 homes and significant employment land released over the next ten years together with community infrastructure. It is vital that we ensure the long term sustainability of this route and that we tackle some of the existing route requirements to ensure that our communities and businesses are connected and that Mansfield has the infrastructure to encourage inward investment. The bid proposed would enable improvements works to key junctions and to ensure a programme of improvement is dealt with as one co-ordinated project, reducing the need for smaller more disruptive repairs which will only happen as and when funding permits.

Kate Allsop – Executive Mayor

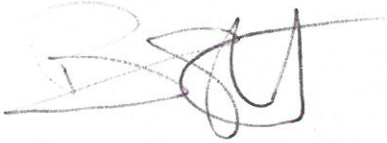
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District Council

I cannot underestimate the importance of this route to the economic vitality of Mansfield and hope that this bid will enable the MARR route to be a key player in delivering our housing and employment aspirations and maintaining and growing the level of inward investment Mansfield needs.

Yours sincerely

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Bev Smith
Chief Executive
Mansfield District Council

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Our Ref: RM/LJS
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Date: 28th March, 2017

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Dear Gary,

MAINTENANCE CHALLENGE FUND BID - A38 AND A617 MARR

I am writing in support of the bid from Nottinghamshire County Council to the Maintenance Challenge Fund bid for the A38 and A617 MARR.

Ashfield District Council works very closely with Nottinghamshire County Council on issues such as infrastructure and growth. This close working relationship is crucial to our local economy and the prosperity of residents. Ashfield is challenged by a number of social and economic factors that result in low wages and high benefits this costs the local and national economy considerably. In rising to these challenges we are working with the County and other partners to grow the local economy and have significant employment and housing sites in the pipeline alongside measures to improve skills and qualifications.

A key part of our growth agenda as detailed in our shared Growth Plan with Mansfield District Council is to ensure we have the infrastructure required to support and develop our economy. Unfortunately the state of key routes such as the A38 and A617 means that they will soon become a liability rather than an asset. The residents of Ashfield quite frequently refer to being ignored and forgotten about by central government and our EU referendum result (circa 70% leave) showed perhaps the level of feeling in this regard. We feel that significant investment by the government in this area would be economically and politically savvy. Investment will provide measurable improvements directly and support us in leveraging private sector investment into sites along this route and elsewhere in the District and surrounding areas.

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I would urge you to support this bid and make a difference in an area that will repay the investment by unlocking new homes, jobs and by creating aspiration and enthusiasm.

Yours sincerely,

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R. MITCHELL,
Chief Executive.



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Thursday 30th March 2017

We are a local business group, Mansfield & Ashfield 2020.

We serve our members supporting and working with local and county councils to drive forward this areas growth agenda. We are writing to support the above bid being put forward by Nottinghamshire County Council for major infrastructure projects.

The proposal in question is part of the A617, known as the MARR route, and the A38 between Mansfield and Ashfield. Since the completion of the MARR route we have seen an unprecedented increase in the amount of traffic including HGV's now using it, making the road into a major east west link.

With all the opportunities now becoming available along the route, we are now asking for your support to up keep and assist to keep traffic flowing.

We have been involved with the MARR route since inception when it was originally built for regeneration and development. It has now proved that our support was justified.

This route is critical to support our infrastructure needs and maintenance is essential to support the economic drive of our business community.

Hope you can help support all our efforts.

Yours Sincerely

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Caroline Cox
Operations Director

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