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Dear David,

**Letter of Support: National Productivity Investment Fund – A611 Ashfield/
Mansfield Corridor Improvements**

The Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Local Enterprise Partnership (D2N2) are writing to offer their support for towards Nottinghamshire County Council's National Productivity Investment Fund bid. 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 reliable road networks. 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 a 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. In particular the D2N2 LEP has allocated £10.8m of funding for the Gedling Access Road project and a further £16 million on further road infrastructure schemes in Nottinghamshire. The improvements outlined in this submission will allow businesses and people to utilise the County's infrastructure more efficiently contributing to the economic development of the county through congestion and information benefits.

D2N2 believe that the submission from Nottinghamshire County Council meets the key aims of the National Productivity Investment Fund and are therefore pleased to support the project. We hope that this bid is successful and look forward to seeing the benefits the successful bid will bring to Nottinghamshire County Council's transport offer.

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Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Ralph". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Ralph" clearly distinguishable.

David Ralph
Chief Executive