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Mrs Denise Ogden
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30th June 2017

Dear Denise

Funding Bid

I have recently been contacted by Hartlepool Borough Council which has asked for my support in gaining access to funding to help with the works on the Elwick Bypass. I give that to you with this letter which you may use as evidence of my support.

As Member of Parliament for Hartlepool, I very much support the proposal being put forward by Hartlepool Borough Council to submit a funding bid for the proposed Elwick Bypass and Grade Separated Junction scheme. This project is critical to the economic growth and regeneration plans of Hartlepool by creating in excess of 2,000 homes and numerous jobs during the construction of these properties, which in turn will help to support the growth of our Town. The proposal will also help to address a known accident black spot by removing a dangerous crossing and the associated junctions on a very busy stretch of the A19 by building a new grade separated junction and over bridge.

I believe that this infrastructure project is not only a key component to Hartlepool's ambitious plans, however it will also support the wider work of the Tees Valley Combined Authority. Therefore, I fully support and endorse Hartlepool Borough Council's bid for National Productivity Investment Funding and as the local Member of Parliament, I know that the Council are in a position to take this project forward, subject to the funding being available, and that they will deliver on this project in the timescales necessary, which will benefit residents, visitors, and businesses alike.

I wish you and Hartlepool Borough Council the best of luck in securing this funding and hope that Hartlepool Borough Council will be able to help modernise the Town's transport and infrastructure network with the money.

Best wishes,

Mike Hill
Member of Parliament for Hartlepool