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Great Minister House  
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Dear Sir

### **NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND**

Hartlepool is changing and we have ambitious plans to regenerate and grow our economy.

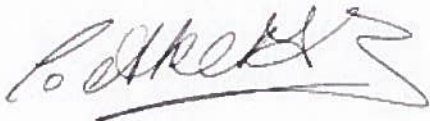
Our vision is to provide improved services to residents and encourage visitor numbers to the area by building more homes and promoting increased business growth. Transport plays a significant part in developing our plans. Connectivity across the borough and the wider Tees Valley are hugely important to us, although we acknowledge that improvements to our transport network need to be made.

The importance of the proposed Elwick Bypass and Grade Separated Junction Scheme cannot be underestimated. This will see the Council construct an overbridge and compact grade separation at the current Elwick North junction to the A19, with a diversion of Coal Lane, in addition to a new by-pass to the north of Elwick village, which incorporates approximately 1.1km of new single 2 lane all purpose road from A19 to Dalton Road east of Elwick, with 400m of additional tie-in side roads. The delivery of such a scheme has multiple benefits in that it will allow the construction of much needed housing in Hartlepool. It will support the construction industry and local economy, it will help address an area where numerous accidents have occurred in recent years, while it will also support the wider work and other projects that are proposed along the A19 strategic road network and therefore I have included a map which details those.

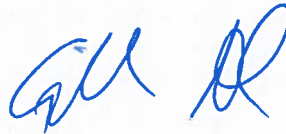
This funding stream is critical to our plans. We have been proactively working on this project over the last 18 months in anticipation of such a funding stream becoming available. We have the necessary funding in place to support this bid and we have an excellent team in place ready to commence with the delivery of the construction phase. As Leader and Chief Executive of the Council we believe that we are at an advantageous stage in the process in that we are 'good to go' and therefore may we take this opportunity to reassure you that we can and will successfully deliver on this project within the timescales attached to the funding criteria.

If you would like to discuss the proposal further or would like further clarification on any aspect of the bid submission, then please contact Tony Hanson, Assistant Director of Environment and Neighbourhood Services on (01429) 523400 or at [tony.hanson@hartlepool.gov.uk](mailto:tony.hanson@hartlepool.gov.uk)

Yours faithfully



**Leader of the Council**



**Chief Executive**

# Proposed Strategic Transport Schemes along A19 Tees Valley Corridor

A179 Junction Signalisation Scheme

Elwick Bypass, Over bridge and Compact Grade Separated Junction Scheme

A689 Junction Improvements

Norton to Wynyard strategic road network improvements

New Tees Crossing.

