

29 June 2017

Mayor Houchen
Chair - Tees Valley Combined Authority
Cavendish House
Teesdale Business Park
Stockton-on-Tees
TS17 6QY

Dear Mayor Houchen,

I am writing on behalf of Tees Valley Unlimited, the Local Enterprise Partnership for the Tees Valley, to support Tees Valley Combined Authority's bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund for 2018/19 and 2019/20.

The package of schemes put forward in the bid will significantly improve the capacity and resilience of the Tees Valley's strategic road network, now termed our Key Route Network (KRN). The KRN plays a vital role in supporting the Tees Valley economy as it directly links all our key economic, employment, retail, educational and healthcare centres as well as our Enterprise Zones and existing and future housing growth sites.

There are increasing constraints and pressures on the KRN that are threatening to stifle future growth so Tees Valley Unlimited very much welcomes this bid which will directly address many of these by tackling congestion and improving access to key employment and housing sites. Such investment in transport infrastructure is vital if Tees Valley Unlimited and the Combined Authority are to deliver the 25,000 new jobs, 22,000 new homes and an additional £2.8 billion into the local economy over the next 10 years, as outlined in our Strategic Economic Plan.

I would like to wish you every success with the bid and look forward to hearing the outcome in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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