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Dear Mr Corcoran

NATIONAL PRODUCTIVITY INVESTMENT FUND: STOCKTON-ON-TEES

Thank you for speaking to Highways England about the Council’s bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund.

As you are aware, we have been working closely with Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council and the Tees Valley Combined Authority to develop a programme of schemes on the Strategic Road Network and Tees Valley Key Route Network that complement each other and support the economic growth of the region over the short, medium and long term.

Through our work with you, we recognise that the southern part of Stockton-on-Tees Borough has the potential to provide significant additional housing to meet the borough’s long term needs, with more than 3,500 homes potentially deliverable. However, the delivery of this is constrained by a lack of capacity at the interface of the local road network with the A19 at the Crathorne Junction with the A67.

Through work we have undertaken with the Council and developers, we have identified that the construction of a roundabout junction to replace the existing priority junctions will provide the capacity needed to accommodate development in this area. It will also have the added benefit of improving the experience of our road user customers by improving part of the strategic road network which is perceived to present a significant safety risk. This scheme will contribute to Highways England’s strategic objectives we therefore wholeheartedly support the proposal and, if successful, we look forward to working with you to ensure its efficient delivery.

In the medium to longer term, our work in partnership with the Council and the Combined Authority on the A66 East West and New Tees Crossing programmes, funded by the DfT through the Large Local Majors programme, will address the needs of the network in the longer term to support the development of Stockton-on-Tees and
its contribution to the economic growth aspirations of Tees Valley and the North of England.

If there is any way that Highways England can further help the Council to realise its economic aspirations, please let us know and we will be glad to work with you in any way we are able to.

Yours sincerely

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