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Dear David,

National Productivity Investment Fund - Traffic Signal Junction Enhancement Works

Improving the transport network to enhance its operation, reduce congestion and provide better access to our economic centres is an important priority for the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). This scheme will improve 11 prioritised sites including key corridors for travel to and between some of the LEP's key growth locations.

Reliability of travel times is regularly identified as a key issue for businesses and this is as important, if not more important, for their operation than average journey speeds. The scheme will provide a more resilient highway network at key junctions through new equipment providing greater control and responsiveness to changing traffic conditions. It will also provide improved crossing facilities for pedestrians and cyclists encouraging the greater use of these modes.

Given the benefits this scheme could deliver, we strongly support and endorse this bid.

Yours sincerely

Basil Jackson

Interim Head of Transport