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To whom it may concern,

Re: National Productivity Investment Fund – Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone East Access

I am writing in support of Bristol City Council's bid to the Department for Transport's National Productivity Fund.

As part of local efforts to ease congestion in the city, unlock economic growth and tackle the housing crisis, the Council has developed a comprehensive plan for the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone. The Zone is expected to accommodate 17,000 new jobs and much-needed additional housing.

The proposed East Access scheme includes a high quality shared space pedestrian/ cycle route along Feeder Road – a major thoroughfare linking parts of my constituency to Temple Quarter and Bristol Temple Meads– and improving crossings and junctions in that area to benefit all road users.

Introducing a right turn from Avon Street to Temple Way could also lead to improvements in local bus services by encouraging bus operators to route services through the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

Easing the congestion in Bristol has to be a priority for our city. It is a major problem for my constituents and an obstacle to economic growth. Many people in my constituency are also keen to see more integrated transport networks that promote walking and cycling, and make public transport a more convenient option.

I believe the East Access scheme will benefit my constituents and help make the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone a success. The Council is developing quality sustainable transport infrastructure for the future, and I hope that the Department for Transport will support this.

Yours sincerely,

Kerry McCarthy

Labour MP for Bristol East

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