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Dear Dave

Teignbridge District Council's support for the A382 improvements

I am writing to underline Teignbridge District Council's overwhelming support for the A382 road improvements.

As you know, the Heart of Teignbridge is undergoing a transformational change associated with its economic offer and housing supply. A programme of town centre investment is underway now and will lead to a £60 million capital injection into Newton Abbot's retail and leisure offer. We are also working to deliver more than 40 hectares of employment land that will cater for around 4,000 new jobs; and with house building having recently doubled, more than 6,000 new homes will be delivered in the Newton Abbot, Kingsteignton and Kingskerswell area across the current Local Plan period.

Integral to the success of this programme will be a transport network that is fit for purpose. The A382 improvements are key to this. They will help to address existing transport issues and make access to Newton Abbot much easier for all users, including those traveling by bus and bike, and on foot. Building on the benefits of the South Devon Highway's opening and the much needed upgrade at Drumbridges Roundabout, the project will also ensure that this part of the road network provides a foundation for our area's continued success and forms a high quality gateway to the district's economic centre.

The Teignbridge Local Plan and Infrastructure Delivery Plan both identify the scheme as a top priority and the District Council's Capital Programme includes a very significant first tranche of funding support that will sit alongside game changing investment from the Local Enterprise Partnership.

We gave the project our full backing through the A382 planning application and I made sure I was at the Planning Committee meeting to passionately emphasise Teignbridge's position. Now that the Compulsory Purchase process is underway, I wanted to make sure there was no doubt about Teignbridge's view that the project must come forward swiftly and successfully if the area is to continue to maximise its potential and flourish.

Yours sincerely

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