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Dear Fergus

Partnership working between our councils is resulting in significant progress with major infrastructure projects in the Newton Abbot area. The inception of the project goes back to the development aspirations of Teignbridge as set out in the Local Plan, which we fully support. Phase 1 of the A382 work is complete and the Houghton Barton link road is due to be completed this summer. Complementary to this the multi-use Trail to Mortenhampstead has also been completed. The preparations for the £45m A382 Major Road Network project are now well underway. The scheme also completes the pedestrian/cycle link alongside the road, including along Exeter Road, with a bridge in the vicinity of Stover School. This scheme is the final stage of a package of significant enhancements to the A382 corridor between Newton Abbot and Drumbridges.

As part of the MRN project we are moving closer to the construction of the Jetty Marsh Link Road. I am aware this is a long term aspiration of Teignbridge, and it is a high priority scheme, reducing traffic flows on Exeter Road and enabling the delivery of improved pedestrian/cycle links. As we have discussed previously, the majority of the funding for the scheme will come from the DfT but there is a need for a local contribution of 15%, this is a mandatory requirement from the DfT. Devon County Council will fund the majority of this but there is an expectation that local development makes a contribution. Since this scheme is closely linked to the development at Berry Knowles, providing a roundabout access, my understanding is that TDC will make a £600k contribution to the cost of the scheme from the CIL generated by the development and that this is reflected through your latest Capital Programme.

This is essential as it enables DCC to purchase material from Sibelco which can be used for the construction of the road enabling work to progress at an early stage and limiting the movement of material on the highway. Please could you confirm that that the funding is available so that we can enter into an associated funding agreement.

In the unlikely event that the DfT funding was withdrawn, we would continue to work with yourselves to prioritise the Jetty Marsh Link Road and secure alternative funding to ensure delivery of this critical piece of infrastructure. We continue to value the wider support that TDC offers this significant project and look forward to working together to deliver the benefits to the local community over the coming years.

Yours sincerely



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