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Dear James

Transforming Cities Bid

On behalf of Southend Borough Council, I am writing to offer my support to the joint Essex County Council/Southend Borough Council bid for the Depart for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund. The bid complements previous and current projects, which have received DfT funding and further enhancing the conditions for growth in the area, we are very pleased to endorse it.

A fully funded proposal will enable the city region to make improvements in a coherent and functional manner and will squarely align Southend Borough Council's, the South East LEP's and the emerging Transport East STB's aspirations for the area. This capital bid can be fully supported and enhanced by the joint Access Fund award (SEAT) and the award winning behavioural change project that forms a significant element of the project.

We understand the importance for the area to continue to improve road and public transport infrastructure to continue developing and enhancing key travel destinations in and around the region within and across boundaries.

Yours faithfully



Peter Geraghty
Director of Planning and Transport