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Dear xxxxxxxx,

Bexhill Hastings Link Road - Full Approval

Following receipt of your Final Funding Bid submitted on 19 December 2012 for the above scheme, this letter confirms that Ministers have agreed to grant the scheme Full Approval. This means that work to construct the Bexhill – Hastings Link Road can now start.

As part of this approval the Department will provide a maximum capped funding contribution of **£56.850m** towards an estimated total scheme cost of £91.868m. East Sussex County Council is solely responsible for meeting any expenditure over and above this maximum amount. Funding will be paid as capital grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. I will write to you separately with a formal letter of grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003.

We expect you to keep us closely informed of progress with, and expenditure on, the scheme – the simplest way to deal with this is for you to complete and return the quarterly monitoring reports by the due dates and to keep us informed of other significant developments as soon as they occur.

In addition to you are required to provide us with the following (to a timetable and frequency that we will agree with you, unless otherwise stated):

- progress reports on your plan to deliver, in full, the complementary public transport measures (junction improvements and bus priority measures) set out in Annex 10 of your Final Funding Bid (December 2012);
- progress reports on your plan to carry out the additional offsetting environmental and biodiversity measures set out in Annex 11 of your Final Funding Bid (December 2012)
- a progress report to be sent to the Department by no later than 31st March 2014, and annually thereafter for a duration to be agreed between the Department and the Council, setting out the levels of developer interest in and commitment to the proposed employment and housing sites in North East Bexhill in the light of this funding approval; and

- progress reports on the delivery of your plan set out in Annex 13 of your Final Funding Bid (December 2012) setting out how the Council will ensure that local unemployed people are given appropriate support so that they are well placed to compete for the jobs which will ultimately be delivered by the scheme.

The Government's contribution to the scheme should be advertised in any publicity information that you produce. Ministers want to see all major local schemes which have been built or are being built, where a contribution from the Department is being provided, to display the Department for Transport's corporate logo. A copy of the logo is attached. May I suggest that this is used on any signs and promotional material for the scheme. For your information, the colour on the DfT logo is coded from the Pantone Matching System as PMS 3298.

Please provide written confirmation that East Sussex County Council agrees to the terms of this letter, including certification from your Section 151 Officer that the Council accepts the above terms.

Yours sincerely,

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