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Dear Mr Berry,

Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund Tranche 2b Application

I am pleased to offer my support for this funding application for A15 (North). The A15 (North) is a key route which connects the north and south via the Humber Bridge. It links the A63/M62 corridor and Hull in the north and the M180/M18/M1 corridor in the south as well as South Humber Gateway, which includes two of the UK's oil refineries and the Ports of Immingham and Grimsby, which are the largest ports in the UK by tonnage. The South Humber Gateway, is an area of national and international economic importance. The A15 also provides easy access to Humberside Airport and the adjacent business park and the market town of Barton upon Humber.

The A15 is also a key route linking the areas covered by the sub-national transport body of Transport for the North (TfN) and Midlands Connect. TfN's Strategic Transport Plan identifies three key aims of 1) connecting people, 2) connecting businesses and 3) moving goods. Improving this section of the A15 will help to achieve these aims. The A15 is included in TfN's major road network, which includes the North's economically important roads which link the North's important centres of economic activity.

North Lincolnshire's Economic Growth Plan, which was launched in the House of Lords, sets out their vision to deliver increased prosperity for the area and recognises the crucial role that infrastructure will play in helping them achieve their ambition to see productivity grow year on year in North Lincolnshire.

I therefore welcome this submission, which will support economic growth in North Lincolnshire and hope for a positive outcome.

Yours sincerely,

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