

Martin Rowe Transport Strategy Team Worcestershire County Council County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester WR5 2NP

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Dear Martin,

Re: Supporting the Worcester bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund

I am writing to confirm the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership's support for the application to the National Productivity Investment Fund, to aid the delivery of the Worcester City Centre Network Efficiency (Axis West East) scheme.

Delivery of the scheme will support the ambition of the Worcestershire Strategic Economic Plan in creating 25,000 new jobs, 21,500 new homes and a £2.9billion increase in GVA by 2025.

The project also forms an important part of achieving Worcestershire LEP's vision of developing the county as a connected, creative and dynamic economy, as well as providing the local business community with a world class transport infrastructure, as set out in our Strategic Economic Plan.

By tackling congestion issues, the Worcester scheme will help to boost productivity by significantly reducing travel times for businesses and by improving access to key employment locations and railway stations.

The Worcestershire LEP therefore fully supports the Worcester bid to the National Productivity Investment Fund.

Yours sincerely,

Gary Woodman Chief Executive

Worcestershire LEP