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Dear Ann

A13 Widening

Following receipt of your business case for the A13 Widening scheme, this letter confirms that Ministers have agreed to grant the scheme final funding approval enabling your Council to complete any remaining detailed design work and begin construction.

As part of this approval the Department will provide a maximum capped funding contribution of £66.05m towards an estimated total scheme cost of £78.85m. Thurrock 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. My colleague Robert Fox will write separately to the Council's Chief Finance Officer with a formal letter of grant.

For the above scheme the Department is prepared to make available the following funding profile:

2017/18 - £ 28.544m 2018/19 - £ 20.236m 2019/20 - £ 17.277m

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 the quarterly monitoring reports to be

completed and returned by the due dates. We would also expect you to keep us informed of other significant developments as soon as they occur.

You will also be required to carry out a full evaluation of the scheme and to make the results of this evaluation available to the Department.

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. Please use this 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 Thurrock Council agrees to the terms of this letter, including certification from your Section 151 Office that the Council accepts the above terms.

I look forward to seeing progress in constructing the scheme and to its subsequent completion.

I am copying this letter to Rhiannon Mort at the South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

Yours sincerely

Charlie Sunderland

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