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Councillor David Finch  
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Councillor Gavin Callaghan  
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25 March 2021

Dear David and Gavin,

**Basildon and Essex Local NO<sub>2</sub> Plan for East Mayne**

Thank you for submitting your Outline Business Case on 23 December 2020. Following the review of your business case I am now directing you to implement your proposed scheme to relocate the footpath and cycleway at East Mayne to remove the direct public exposure to nitrogen dioxide concentrations above limit values.

Based on the evidence provided, I am content to provide £2,023,319 from the Implementation Fund. This is not the full amount you requested as it is considered your costs are very high and include high contingencies. I understand you are completing procurement and will have final costs included in your Full Business Case, which we expect by 21 May 2021.

There are some aspects of your Outline Business Case which still need to be agreed, such as the risk allocations. The Joint Air Quality Unit will work with you to ensure these are suitably developed ahead of the Full Business Case submission. I understand there have been some delays in obtaining clearance of the Outline Business Case from the Essex Cabinet which has caused a delay in Government being able to direct you to implement your scheme. Please can you ensure this does not happen at the Full Business Case stage, as you risk your own implementation timeline. It is crucial implementation of the scheme is not delayed and is completed as per your timeline, by the end of December 2021.

I understand Essex County Council have recently been awarded funding from the On-Street Residential Chargepoint Scheme. I would encourage Basildon Borough Council to take advantage of this opportunity and apply for funding also. It is crucial you are encouraging take up of Government's available funding to transition local fleets to EVs and lower polluting vehicles to help improve air quality within your local area.

I will be kept updated on the progress of the implementation of your scheme and thank you for the work you have done to get to this stage.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca Pow', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**REBECCA POW MP**