



# Department for Transport

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Dear Mr Keeling,

**National Productivity Investment Fund  
Leicester Putney Road West (new Transport Link) Project  
Leicester Urban Congestion Bus Pinch Point Improvement Project**

Following receipt of your bids for the National Productivity Investment Fund, I am pleased to inform you have been successful, as shown above. This letter confirms that Ministers have given formal Approval to the proposal submitted by your Authority so you may now wish to proceed with planning and any other statutory powers that are required.

The successful projects were published on GOV.UK on 19 October at the link below –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-invests-350-million-improving-local-roads>

The National Productivity Investment Fund aims to ease congestion and provide upgrades on important national, regional or local routes to help unlock economic and job opportunities or enable the delivery of vital new housing developments. There is £244 million of funding for 76 projects.

For your projects the Department will provide a maximum funding contribution as follows - £3.431 million in the years 2018-19 and 2019-20 towards an estimated total scheme cost of £4.901 million, and £2.0 million for a total scheme cost of £2.860 million respectively.

Your Authority is solely responsible for meeting any expenditure over and above this maximum amount and any spend beyond 31 March 2020 as the Department's grant is only available in those two years.

Funding will be paid as grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. I will write to you again to notify you of the initial payment of grant, which will be in spring 2018, along with the funding terms and conditions.

The Government's contribution to the schemes should be advertised in any publicity information that you produce. For grant funded schemes Ministers want to ensure that the Department for Transport's corporate logo is displayed at the site.

The Department will monitor progress of the schemes at regular intervals. An Excel form will be issued following the first grant payment, for your Authority to report the progress of your schemes.

The email address for any questions about the grant or returning the completed monitoring forms is [LT.PLANS@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:LT.PLANS@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,

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