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*Dear Karl,*

I am writing to you further to your recent discussion with the Chancellor of the Exchequer about the Lincoln Eastern Bypass.

I know that you and others have been concerned that the need for the scheme promoter (Lincolnshire County Council) to seek revised statutory orders will put at risk the £49.95m funding which the Department has provisionally approved for the scheme.

I am happy to confirm that provision has been made to secure and "ring fence" this funding within the Department's spending plans for the remainder of the current local authority major schemes programme.

You raised with the Chancellor the possibility of securing support to a dual carriageway solution. I understand that the Council is currently consulting on revised statutory orders for the existing single carriageway scheme so I am unable to comment on the pros and cons of making a further change to the scheme design.

If, however, there were to be a future bid from the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership for a dual carriageway (with the full support of Lincolnshire County Council), as a priority in their Strategic Economic Plan, we would, in principle, support such a scheme. This would, of course, be subject to the Department complying with all statutory processes and procedures.

I am copying this letter to Sir Edward Leigh MP and to the Leader of Lincolnshire County Council.

*Yours faithfully,*

**THE RT. HON. PATRICK McLOUGHLIN**