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*Dear Cllr Davies*

Thank you for your letter of 8 December to the Secretary of State for Transport, about the funding arrangements for the Lincoln Eastern Bypass following on from the Secretary of State's letter of 1 December to Karl McCartney MP. I enclose a copy of that letter for ease of reference. I am replying as Minister responsible for this issue.

My colleague John Hayes has also spoken to Councillor Martin Hill and has met with Sir Edward Leigh MP, Councillor Fleetwood, parish council leaders and local residents from the Hawthorn Lane Action Group to listen to their concerns.

You asked for further clarification on the reference in the Secretary of State's letter to the Department's funding contribution towards the scheme being safeguarded and ring-fenced as part of "*the remainder of the current local authority major schemes programme*". Sir Edward asked for similar clarification and John Hayes has written to him separately. I enclose a copy of that letter which I hope addresses the issues you have raised in your letter.

I am copying this letter and the attachment to Karl McCartney MP, Sir Edward Leigh MP and Councillors Martin Hill and Ian Fleetwood of Lincolnshire County Council.

  
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*In 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.

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Patrick*

THE RT. HON. PATRICK McLOUGHLIN

