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Dear Mr Skeet

RE: LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS

I am writing to you in relation to the proposal for the Lincoln Eastern Bypass and to inform you of the potential that this could have for Lincolnshire Police and for policing in the East Midlands.

Lincolnshire Police are heavily engaged in the collaboration of policing services with Nottinghamshire, Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Nottinghamshire Police Forces. Some of the specialist functions that I command will strongly rely upon being able to respond over a much wider area and many of these will travel through Lincoln. The congestion currently experienced in Lincoln may hamper our response and I see the introduction of a bypass as key in improving our response to the people of Lincolnshire and the East Midlands.

The structure of Lincolnshire Police and the large nature of the county often influence response times and at the heart of this can be the time that it takes to get across or around the city of Lincoln. From the initial outline drawing it would appear that this proposal would improve our response times.

In relation to the road users of the county I would see this proposal as a contributory factor in reducing the number of collisions and person injured. A reduction in the number of casualties impacts on the Police and the Health Service as well as obviously the person involved. It is my professional judgment that collisions and injuries would reduce and therefore provide a saving for Lincolnshire.

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The proposal for an Eastern Bypass is one that Lincolnshire Police whole heartedly support on the basis of its potential benefit to reducing casualties and also to enhancing our ability to collaborate with other East Midlands Police Forces. It would undoubtedly lead to future investment in parts of Lincolnshire in terms of policing due to its increased viability as a policing "hub".

Yours sincerely

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For the attention of Mr David Skeet - Senior Project Leader

22 July 2011

Dear Mr Skeet

RE: LINCOLN EASTERN BYPASS

I am writing to you after my informal meeting with Gary Billington in relation to the proposal for an Eastern Bypass around Lincoln and its potential effects for Lincolnshire Fire & Rescue (LFR).

LFR provide an essential 'blue light' emergency service to every aspect of the community within the County. This coupled with the fact that every minute saved from travel time could make all the difference to anyone who requires our help.

At present Lincoln is constantly congested making it difficult for emergency appliances and supporting officers to attend incidents quickly, as a large amount of traffic is continually travelling through the City to reach their destinations, including large amounts of LGV.

The provision of this eastern bypass could alleviate this issue as I'm sure these vehicles passing through would prefer to use an efficient 'A' road on which to move freely on. This would have the effect of reducing our response times and enable us to give a better service to our communities.

Within the City of Lincoln we presently have two 24 hour fire stations, which operate one full time crew at each station, giving us an immediate two appliance capability 24/7. Once these resources have been deployed we then rely heavily on retained firefighters (part-time) to get to these fire stations as and when required to carry out emergency duties. These personnel also find it difficult and frustrating attending the stations when 'stuck' in traffic and trying to attend the station when their alerters are requesting them. Once again another example of how this can assist us in reducing attendance times



Once we leave the City boundary LFR is totally reliant on part-time staff to crew its appliances at fire stations such as, Wragby, Bardney, Waddington, Metherringham, Brant Broughton etc. The efficiency of a bypass would also make travelling where possible easier and quicker for these stations, rather than travelling to emergencies on winding 'B' roads. Once again reducing attendance times for an improved service.

As you may be aware the County of Lincolnshire has a high rate of killed and seriously injured due to Road Traffic Collisions (RTC), this is due in part to the County road infrastructure, mainly 'winding' 'A' and 'B' roads. The 'Red Route' signs on these roads designated by the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership which are highly visible are a testament to this. The Eastern Bypass should hopefully reduce these numbers due to the benefits of engineered solutions that 'new' roads bring.

In future years this may also result in the building of a fire station on the Bypass to make travelling easier on safer and less congested roads.

Overall LFR fully support the proposal of an Eastern Bypass due to efficient roads, quicker response times, all enhancing the support we give to our community.

Yours sincerely

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Dear David

Re: Lincoln Eastern Bypass, Stakeholder Consultation Process

I am responding on behalf of East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust regarding the above. In general EMAS welcomes any initiative which supports speedy access to patients within the community and onward transportation to places of definitive care. Specific comments are as follows:

- *What are the key problems and constraints on your business/organization resulting from the current transport situation?*

Traffic congestion both north and south of the city at peak times impacting upon EMAS ability to respond to patients within required timescales. EMAS currently deploys resources to standby sites at various locations within Lincoln City boundary to mitigate against congestion related delays. Problems will occur, however, when resources at north or south of the City are fully utilized and EMAS is required to respond across town to emergencies. On such occasions problems are encountered on Broadgate due to traffic congestion and road width, which can result in delays of a few minutes pending lights changing to green.

EMAS is also required to transport patients between various hospital sites. Extended journey times can be experienced during transfers from Grantham Hospital to Lincoln County Hospital at peak times. This is due to the location of Lincoln County Hospital and the route taken. Whilst these are not necessarily time critical for all patients, the additional time taken by EMAS resources to complete the transfer and be available for further details does have a consequent effect on EMAS capacity at certain times of the day.

The eastern bypass would free up valuable EMAS resource time by eliminating the delays currently experienced on Cross o'Cliff Hill, Canwick Road, Broadgate and Lindum Road.

- *How will the Eastern Bypass address these problems and constraints?*

EMAS covers a wide geographical area and is required to meet very strict response time targets. Anything which impacts on capability to respond within specific timeframes has a consequent impact on patient care. Whilst EMAS plans for congestion, EMAS is required to operate within the Highway Code, consequently the use of blue lights and sirens only applies to time critical events – travelling to 999 calls or blue light transportation. Where a patient has been attended and requires transportation to hospital, but does not meet blue light criteria, EMAS is required to operate within the Highway Code and has no exemptions. This can result in journey time being increased due to traffic congestion which has a knock on effect to future calls.

- *What will Lincoln Eastern Bypass do to help you achieve your goals and objectives?*

Support speedy response to emergencies and reduce transportation time.

- *What direct benefits will the scheme have for your business/organization?*

Support response time targets and free up EMAS resources by reducing time taken per patient episode.

- *Are there any actions and plans you would expect to implement when the bypass is built that you would be unable to undertake without the scheme?*

EMAS is constantly reviewing its service delivery model to ensure patients receive a timely response. Without this scheme EMAS will continue to deploy resources north and south of the City to offset congestion problems. There will, however, be occasions when EMAS resources will be required to respond across the City and this will impact on response times during periods of congestion. The issues related to transportation and inter hospital transfers will continue pending a bypass being in place.

- *Are there any specific benefits, especially related to economic regeneration that you would expect to see as a result of the scheme?*

Unable to comment at this time.

- *What will be the negative effects on your business/organisation if the scheme cannot be built?*

Delayed response and delays in transfer to places of definitive care due to traffic congestion.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely

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