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Dear Councillor Price,

**Hereford bypass – application for funding for Local Major scheme Outline  
Business Case development costs.**

Powys County Council is pleased to support Herefordshire Council's application for funding to develop an Outline Business Case for the Hereford Bypass. In this context Powys County Council notes that Hereford currently suffers from levels of traffic congestion normally only experienced in much larger urban areas. This places a significant constraint upon the local economy and growth for the city and causes the full range of problems associated with congestion in an urban area which include air pollution, road safety and severance of communities. We consider that a transport package for Hereford which includes a Bypass is urgently needed to address these problems.

A particular issue is the current journey time delays and unreliability for longer distance traffic travelling to and from Powys through Herefordshire using the A438. This route is a key route for businesses in Powys travelling to and from markets to the east of Hereford such as Worcestershire and elsewhere in the Midlands and beyond. On that basis we welcome the Hereford Bypass scheme and the improvements in journey times and journey time reliability it would bring.

Yours sincerely,



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