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Dear Jim

**SEMMMS Relief Road**

I am writing in order to confirm to you Derbyshire County Council's willingness to work with other partners in delivering measures associated with the proposed road between the A6 in Stockport and Ringway Road/Ringway Road West in Manchester ("Relief Road") as part of the continuing programme to improve the highway network in and around Greater Manchester and east Cheshire. The Relief Road itself has no physical impact on Derbyshire but is, of course, forecast to have some impact upon traffic levels on Derbyshire roads. I am aware that prior to the Relief Road being opened to traffic one of the planning conditions attached to each of the planning permissions granted requires a scheme of mitigation and complementary measures to be carried out and completed in accordance with a Transport Assessment dated October 2013 commissioned and produced on behalf of Stockport.

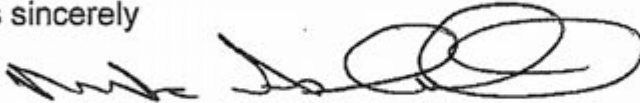
The County Council will use its best endeavours to assist in the discharge of the relevant planning condition. I appreciate that it will be necessary for partners in the project to judge whether any particular works are consistent with this. It will, though, also be necessary to ensure that any proposed schemes meet with the County Council's own objectives and fully take account of consultation with residents and road users. My understanding is that you will wish to assemble a working group to ensure that the partners are liaising effectively over this as specific plans are developed, and I will be happy to engage in this.



I am aware that it is the intention of yourself and other partners that a legal agreement be signed to confirm these arrangements, which I am happy to facilitate. If the proposed payment to Derbyshire County Council is regarded as grant I will also need to seek Cabinet approval to accept this and to add the relevant schemes to capital programmes. I do not, though, anticipate any difficulties in securing this approval.

I hope that this letter is helpful to you ahead of the signing of the formal agreement. Please don't hesitate to get in touch, though, if I can be of further assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mike Ashworth', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Mike Ashworth  
Strategic Director