



**CHIPPENHAM
TOWN COUNCIL**
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Growth Investment & Programme Director
Wiltshire Council
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Ref: MS/SW/LE

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Dear

We refer to our recent discussion.

We understand that Wiltshire Council (the “Council”) is considering making an application to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (“MHCLG”) for a grant from its Housing Infrastructure Fund (“HIF”). These monies will enable the Council to fund the construction of a new road to the eastern & southern boundaries of Chippenham.

We understand further that the purpose of this new road will be to relieve existing traffic congestion through and around the town; and also to provide the necessary highway infrastructure to facilitate the construction of new residential development to the east and south of the town.

We appreciate that the precise route of such new road will ultimately be determined by the grant of a formal planning permission, following appropriate consultation processes to be carried out by the Council.

On behalf of Chippenham Town Council (“CTC”) we support any application for a HIF grant that the Council makes to MHCLG to construct new highway infrastructure (including roads, junctions, drainage and ancillary works) understanding that the use of such grant monies will deliver substantial benefit to the town in both the short and long terms.

As the Leader and Chief Executive we are excited by the prospect of Chippenham being given the potential opportunity to grow in an infrastructure led planned and cohesive manner, understanding that the lack of infrastructure is one of the main drivers of market failure to date. We believe there is clear evidence of pent up demand in Chippenham and the surrounding area more particularly given the town’s strategic position on both east-west and north-south road and rail routes.

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We believe that a HIF grant is exactly the catalyst needed to deliver several thousand new homes in the area defined by the new road, along with the education employment and entertainment opportunities to attract new residents to the area.

We hope that this letter sets out our position in respect of the matters referred to, and we look forward ongoing discussions with the Council as the scheme progresses.

Yours sincerely

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