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Dear James,

## **TRANSFORMING CITIES FUND – CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Further to our telephone conversation this morning, I am pleased to confirm that Castle Point Borough Council fully supports the Transforming Cities Bid as presented by Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council.

The Borough Council believes that the proposed capital investment in the bid will be a key enabler for our forthcoming Local Plan and for the South Essex Joint Strategic Plan, particularly for projected growth – we may not be able to deliver all of the jobs and homes we are planning without the potential new high quality public transport services available following the investment.

The Borough Council also supports the aspiration for multi-modal hubs, enabling our residents greater, real travel option choices via bus, rail, cycling or walking. It will complement the existing private sector multi-million pound investments currently being implemented in our business locations, as well as support and encourage further investment in the Borough's town centres.

We are keen to continue to be engaged in the development of the bid and look forward to it being shortlisted for stage 2 of the fund.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Yours sincerely



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