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Dear Harry

Thank you for your letter updating me on the Department for Transport, Challenge Fund, 2017, in respect of which Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council is due to submit an application.

I see that the Council's proposals include plans for works on a number of key routes in Blackburn and Darwen. The condition of the local highway infrastructure has an inevitable impact on the local economy. Improvements to roads throughout Blackburn with Darwen will bring a natural economic dividend as well as improving the experience of people using them.

Blackburn's main highways experience very high levels of traffic flow and their maintenance to a high standard is vitally important to the future economic development of the town and will have a huge impact on the quality of life of those using the highways in addition to the anticipated economic benefits.

I am therefore very pleased to support your application for funding and would be happy to approach or write to the relevant Ministers or Departmental Heads should the council feel this would help. By all means include this letter with your application to illustrate my backing as both a resident and a local MP.

Should you wish to discuss this or indeed any other matter further, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

With all good wishes

Yours sincerely

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