

Dear Mr Bailey

Department for Transport, Challenge Fund, 2017

East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce is pleased to support Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council's submission to the fund for major highway maintenance projects.

The four schemes that have been prioritised -

*Preston New Road, Whalley New Road, Eanam and through Darwen Town Centre*

-are truly vital arterial roads and of importance to industry.

As alternative routes are few and the topography is difficult, the prospect is of almost continual disruption as otherwise affordable piecemeal repairs are staged. Those disruptions effect both the local and through movement of goods as well as people.

We would be pleased to provide further information if required.

Yours truly



D.Sharpe

President