



HOUSE OF COMMONS

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The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP
Secretary of State for Transport
Department for Transport
33 Horseferry Road
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Our ref: SA

29th October 2019

Dear Grant,

Re: Challenge Fund Scheme for Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council

I write in my capacity as the Member of Parliament for Rossendale & Darwen.

This letter is in support of the submission completed by Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council for the above scheme.

As you can appreciate, this extra funding will be of great benefit to Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council for the maintenance of three major retaining wall structures and would help ensure the free movement of traffic in Darwen and Belmont, which forms part of my constituency.

The structures are key to improving the resilience of the Borough's key economic corridors, including the A666 Bolton Road corridor which carries over 15,000 cross-boundary vehicles per day and A675 Belmont Road corridor carrying over 5,000 cross-boundary vehicles per day.

The submission complements:

- recent designations of the Department for Transport's Major Road Network (A666) recognising the importance of this strategic route;
- transport for the North's Major Road Network (A666 and A675);

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