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County Councillor Keith Iddon Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways and Transport Lancaster County Council PO Box 100 County Hall Preston PR1 0LD Directorate of Economic Growth and Regeneration | Lancaster City Council Postal Address: PO Box 4 | Town Hall | Dalton Square | Lancaster | LA1 1QR

Dear Keith,

I write to confirm that Lancaster City Council fully supports the Expression of Interest by Lancashire County Council for Transport Funding towards works to the A601(M). This 1.3 mile Special Road in north Lancashire is of strategic transport and economic importance and it is crucial that maintenance interventions are made to secure its full use into the future. Without this economic functionality business performance in north Lancashire will be put at risk. Further, any traffic restrictions and diversions made necessary over time will inevitably impact adversely on traffic patterns, lengthening journey times and deflecting traffic into neighbouring settlements with consequential adverse impacts including to local air quality in Carnforth – a designated Air Quality Management Area.

I welcome also the new opportunities that the proposal might give via the removal of Special Road Status to serve development on land adjacent to this route and that if the proposal wins funding might be explored through the local plan making process for which this council is responsible.

Yours Sincerely

Jason Syers Director for Economic Growth & Regeneration Lancaster City Council





