

FAO Katie Childs

20 February 2018

Dear Madam,

West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund – Allocations for Kirklees

As you are aware, Kirklees Council is currently preparing itself to adopt a new Local Plan which sets out its ambitious plans for growth in the district. The Combined Authority's support for the Local Plan is outlined in our letter to Richard Hollinson of 2 December 2016 – please see attached.

At the Combined Authority we recognise the importance of the infrastructure which underpins this delivery. Our Local Growth Fund allocation has a strong emphasis on infrastructure projects to support our ambitions for housing and employment growth across the region, including the £1bn+ West Yorkshire Plus Transport Fund (WY+TF). The WY+TF includes a range of significant transport schemes, a number of which are programmed for delivery on the Kirklees part of the key route network up until 2026, this includes but not limited to:

- A629 Phase 5 – Ainley Top to Huddersfield (part of a wider cross-boundary scheme with Calderdale Council)
- A653 Leeds to Dewsbury Corridor
- A62 and A644 including Cooper Bridge

The most significant of these schemes in terms of value is the A62 and A644 Corridor and there is an indicative allocation of £69.3m within the WY+TF to support this scheme subject to approval through the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework and standard approvals processes. This funding is provided for in the current pipeline of projects and will be made available to Kirklees Council once the full business case has been agreed by Combined Authority. The current programmed time frame for full completion is 2024/25. However, we are aware that Kirklees are looking at ways that brings this programme forward and to deliver some early phases. This revised detail is set out in the table below.

Stage/Milestone	Indicative Programme Date
Phase 1 Public Consultation (Concept)	June 2018
Phase 2 Public Consultation (Preferred Scheme)	September 2018
Outline Business Case Submission	November 2018
Appointment of Designer	September 2019
Phase 3 Public Consultation (Detailed Scheme)	December 2019
Full Business Case Submission	March 2019
Start on Site	
- A644 Wakefield Road	June 2020
- Bradley Junction Improvements	February 2021
- A62 Improvements & Cooper Bridge Roundabout	July 2021
- All Other Phases	January 2022
Project Completion	July 2023

Work on the scheme has taken a step change in terms of delivery recently with new resource being provided by both the Combined Authority and the Kirklees to move the scheme forward. We now anticipate the submission of an outline business case by the middle of this year. With the current anticipated rate of progress it should be possible for the programme deadlines to be maintained and the funding allocation to be approved and released to the project to move delivery forward.

I trust that this information is useful and shows the collaboration and commitment that both authorities have to delivering this scheme.

Yours faithfully,

Melanie Corcoran

Director of Delivery

On behalf of West Yorkshire Combined Authority

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