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Dear Tom

Local Sustainable Transport Fund (LSTF) Revenue 2015/16: Application by Kent County Council

The South East LEP is pleased to support Kent County Council's 2015/16 LSTF bid for revenue funding for an integrated package of initiatives that will complement transport capital projects for which we are seeking local growth funding.

A significant component of our South East Transport Deal is the commitment to sustainable transport. Our Strategic Economic Plan proposes over the six year period some £130m of Local Growth Fund investment in sustainable transport schemes, with £30m identified in 2015/16. This is aligned with significant amounts of Local Authority and private investment.

This revenue project is clearly aligned with the objectives of our Strategic Economic Plan and it is envisaged that the capital and revenue funding together, will provide the resources needed to enable and promote the use of the sustainable transport options for residents, commuters and visitors in Kent. These measures will help us meet our aspirations for economic development and will greatly assist in addressing traffic congestion and capacity issues, especially at peak times. This will help to promote further economic growth in the county.

The measures will enable businesses, schools and individuals to choose to use sustainable and active travel, and thus maximise the benefits of infrastructure improvements made through our local growth fund bid for capital funding by promoting smarter travel. All elements will support economic growth through freeing up capacity on Kent's roads, and the business support element will have a particularly

significant impact through providing valuable information and tools to enable flexible working which will reduce the need to travel (e.g. tele-conferencing, remote working). This will lead to reduced congestion, making Kent a more attractive place to live and do business.

I am very pleased support your bid and look forward to continuing to work in partnership with the County Council.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Jones', with a stylized, cursive script.

Peter Jones, CBE
Chair, South East Local Enterprise Partnership