

16th August 2016

Graham Pendlebury
Director, Local Transport
Department of Transport
Zone 2/15
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
London
SW1P 4DR

Dear Graham,

Many thanks for your letter of 23rd June which helpfully set out the details around the next steps in devolving of the £173.5m, as announced by the Secretary of State for Transport following the cancellation of NGT in May 2016.

We welcome the clarity that you have provided us in respect of the funding, and are in agreement that this represents a suitably robust approach to adopt in order to reach the desired outcomes. We can confirm that we are currently progressing with the work with the aim of providing you with an outline strategic case by the early Autumn that addresses the requirements that you have set out. As part of this work the Leader of Leeds CC, Cllr Judith Blake, has announced that in order to inform the development of an updated transport strategy that an initial 'conversation' with the City would take place over the summer months. This is now underway.

Leeds CC and WYCA do not under-estimate the importance of this piece of work, and would welcome a meeting with your team in early September to share progress and to ensure that the work is moving in the right direction.

I look forward to hearing from you soon to agree a date for this meeting.

Yours sincerely,



Ben Still
Managing Director