From: [NCC]
Sent: 28 August 2015 10:39
To: [DfT]
Cc: [NCC] [DfT]
Subject: RE: Norwich Distributor Road Funding.

Hi xxxx

Further to my email below, I attach a signed copy of the Full Approval document. This is just the main document and I am not planning to re-send all the appendices previously issued as these are unchanged. I have placed the original hard copy in the post marked for your attention.

Just to let you know, I am on leave after today for the next 2 weeks, not returning until Tuesday 15 September. As I will be away from the office, please can you note the following:
- Please can you let me know before the end of today if there are any further items you need from me and I can get these arranged.
- Whilst I am away, please can you liaise directly with xxxx xxxx on any issues (he is cc’d to this email).
- xxxx will make contact with you on 2 September next week to confirm the outcome of our Full Council meeting.
- xxxx will also make contact with you on 9 September to check (informally) how things have progressed with the DfT approvals committee.

Regarding full approval confirmation following the 9 September committee meeting, do you have a feel for how long you think it will take for the formal funding approval letter to be issued to NCC?

Regards
David

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From: [NCC]
Sent: 26 August 2015 06:26
To: [DfT]
Cc: [DfT; [NCC]; [BIS]; [New Anglia LEP]
Subject: RE: Norwich Distributor Road Funding.

Hi xxxx

Further to our discussion yesterday, please see attached the now published Full Council report ahead of their meeting on 2 September. The report includes reference to the LEP funding in a table under paragraph 2.10 (‘New Anglia LEP (underwritten by NCC’) with a value of £10m. I will (ahead of 2 September) send you a signed Full Approval document – with s151 Officer sign-off included.

Please do let me know if you need anything further from me on this.

Regards
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From: [DfT]
Sent: 24 August 2015 14:13
To: [NALEP]; [NCC]
Cc: [DfT]; [NCC]; [BIS]
Subject: Norwich Distributor Road Funding.

I have seen [NALEP]e-mail of 20 August in which he says that the (New Anglia) LEP’s position on the cost increase on the Norwich Northern Distributor Road to which they are providing £10m of additional funding is that this funding cannot come from its existing commitments and will therefore come from the next Growth Deal.

As you will be aware we are in the middle of a Spending Review. Although we would all hope that additional funding will be made available to LEPs we cannot bank on this happening. As such before I can put a recommendation on the NNDR scheme to my board and to the Minister for approval I will need confirmation of the funding.

If the LEP’s £10m relates only to the extension of the scheme from A47 to A1067 then that is a matter for Norfolk and the LEP to deal with. If however the LEP funding is part of the LA contribution of £28.4m towards the total cost of the section of the scheme from A47 to A140 (£105.89m) then I will need written confirmation as well as the signed Full Approval bid by Norfolk’s S151 officer which shows that either:

- The LEP has agreed to provide the £10m additional funding regardless of whether it receives additional LGF funding in future; or
- Norfolk C.C. will underwrite the LEP contribution meaning it is signed up to provide an additional £20m to the scheme.

Given Norfolk C.C is planning to agree its continuation at a meeting on 2 September this will need to be resolved one way or another by then. My approval board meets on 9th so waiting until then to understand whether the LEP has agreed the funding is not possible without adding further delay to the approval process which will probably delay the start of works.

I would be happy to discuss.

[DfT]