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Dear xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

BEXHILL TO HASTINGS LINK ROAD

As you will be aware, as part of the funding conditions associated with the Full Approval for the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road, East Sussex County Council as the scheme promoter is required to submit progress reports and to comply with the terms and conditions for the award of s31 grant in accordance with the award letter of the 13 May 2013. The general grant conditions require we inform DfT of changes to scope, programme or cost and the impacts thereof.

Therefore please find enclosed a report which details a number of changes regarding the Bexhill to Hastings Link Road that have yet to be considered by Cabinet and County Council and will require their approval. We are currently considering the timescales in relation to this consideration and are likely to hold a Cabinet and County Council meeting on 10 July 2013. Should this meeting go ahead on the 10 July 2013 papers will be made available on the 3 July 2013 and we consider it important that members are aware of this before the wider public. Consequently we would ask that until then the contents of this report are for internal DfT use only and not for wider or public circulation.

Should Cabinet and County Council agree to continuation of the project and increased scheme cost, it is our intention to agree to the commencement of phase 2 construction works under the Contract in accordance with our procedures and your grant letter of the 3 April 2013 and 13 May 2013. Assuming the Cabinet/County Council meeting takes place on the 10 July 2013 we will update the Department further on the outcome.

If however in the meantime you have any queries regarding the report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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