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The firm policy position under the Coalition was that we do not provide additional funding for cost increases once schemes have been approved. We are assuming that will continue to be the policy but has not yet been tested under this Government.

However, even if ministers wished to provide the money, we do not have it. The budget this could come (the LGF) from has already been committed to LEPs in the years this is required.

Although the funding requested in this case is of a scale that we could probably find 'down the back of the sofa' if we really had to, we won't be able to keep doing that if it happens on other 'tail' (or portfolio) schemes, so I don't think that's a viable option and would create a precedent that we could not afford to continue.

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I think xxxx must be right. Just to agree to this would set a precedent which could open floodgates.

Following recent conversations I think Norfolk will argue that the long time that it has taken to get this through statutory process has had consequences on cost. Saying that it went through NSIP – so this is supposed to be the quickest route and I believe the increase is 25% – so not insignificant!

There is the option to go to the LEP. The LEP would need to take a decision through its assurance processes. It couldn't just be rubber stamped. Any input into NNDR would mean funding being taken away from another scheme – so not an easy decision. They would also have to inform Government of their plans to switch LGF funding around and as NNDR is not an LGF scheme at present there may be procedural protocols here(?) xxx what is your view?

I think Croyley does give us some indicator (the LEP helped out then because the scheme was so important to the Herts LEP area) – New Anglia could take a similar approach and it would seem to be an option to us. Ie No extra funding from us but you may want to try the LEP.

The scheme is the big one for Norfolk and it has been a long time coming. They will not want to lose it at this 11th hour. xxxx is right though there will likely be a lot of Ministerial lobbying, and Ministers may want to take a different view.

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