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Dear James

I am pleased to confirm that Arriva Herts & Essex fully supports the Joint Transforming Cities Fund bid being submitted by Essex County Council and Southend Borough Council. We support the choice of key corridors within the bid to improve the roads, junctions and infrastructure and ultimately reduce our operational running times.

In 2016 and 2017 we invested over £15.75 million in new buses across our company and at this time are committed to continuous investment over the next few years.

I confirm that Arriva Herts & Essex would undertake to:

- Support the planning and implementation phases, should the bid be successful at stage 1
- Continue to consult with bid partners to develop the proposals further
- Work towards the establishment of an Enhanced Partnership under the new powers established in the Bus Services Act 2017, with a view to offering higher quality, more frequent services with excellent green credentials
- Commit to marketing new and enhanced services along the corridors identified to build upon the capital investment proposed within the bid and grow the number of passengers travelling by sustainable transport

Both myself and my colleagues at Arriva Herts & Essex look forward to receiving further news and updates on this bid and we wish you every success over the coming weeks and months.

Yours sincerely



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