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Dear Mark

## Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund bid: North East Lincolnshire Council

Humber Local Enterprise Partnership wishes to provide its support for the Local Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund bid to be submitted to the Department for Transport by North East Lincolnshire Council.

The A180 Corridor and South Humber Bank form a vital part of the Humber's economic infrastructure. The area includes the Port of Immingham – the largest by tonnage in the UK; the Port of Grimsby, which lies at the very heart of the UK's most prominent offshore wind cluster and the 'Energy Estuary'; and nationally significant chemicals/petrochemicals and seafood processing businesses. The South Humber Bank forms part of the largest Enterprise Zone (EZ) in the UK with almost 170 hectares of industrial land benefitting from EZ incentives.

Maintaining and enhancing access to the South Humber Bank via the A180 and its network of distributor routes is essential if the area is to fulfil its potential for future economic growth. Humber LEP is fully supportive of the Council's efforts to establish a long-term, sustainable highways maintenance regime for the A180 Corridor and we would commend the bid to the Department for Transport.

Yours sincerely

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