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Dear Andrew Jackson

This letter confirms my agreement in principle for Southampton's Plan for Nitrogen Dioxide Compliance, as described in this Outline Business Case.

The Council agreed a clean air strategy in 2016, committing the Council to improving the city's air quality. Reducing emissions and air pollution now will have lifelong, lasting benefits for the city's population, remove barriers to further economic development and make the city a more attractive place to work, live and visit.

The Council is therefore committed to delivering the objectives of the Outline Business Case through its strategic aims, the scope of the scheme and its spending objectives. These spending objectives are supported by an outline bid for funding of £2,892,450.

Executive Members have had detailed briefings on all aspects of the scheme, and will formally ratify the Business Case at its Cabinet meeting on 22nd January 2019. This will agree the financial commitment required of the Council, subject to successful award of funding.

If the funding applied for in this Outline Business case is not successful, the Business Case will need to be reassessed and re-validated. The Council has a fully committed Capital Programme, and further borrowing to support this project would exceed the prudential borrowing limits set within the Council's Treasury Strategy.

The proposal is for a Non Chargeable zone and therefore, there are no associated construction, operating and decommissioning costs of an Automatic Number Plate Recognition infrastructure, other than for monitoring and evaluation purposes.

Based on our review of the financial case, I am satisfied that the financial costs can be contained within the budget as set out in this Outline Business Case, on the basis that it is to be fully funded by JAQU.

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