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Dear Mel,

Award of Section 31 Grant for Financial Year 2024/25 – Northam Rail Bridge

This letter is to confirm the decision of Ministers to make a funding contribution from the Department for Transport of £1,450,406 in 2024/25 for development work on the above scheme up to and including the production of an Outline Business Case (OBC) as defined in the DfT's Transport Business Case guidance.

Grant will be paid to you under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 and is awarded subject to the following:

- a) The funding is capital in nature and so relies on your authority being able to capitalise the expenditure to which it relates.
- b) The funding is to undertake work on the scheme as described in the application for funding from the Major Road Network programme and should not be used for any other purpose such as advanced purchase of land, utilities diversions etc. Any significant updates or changes to this scope should be agreed with DfT.
- c) DfT reserves the right to seek reimbursement from your authority of any payments made relating in respect of this grant award if the scheme is not constructed.
- d) Your authority is responsible for meeting all costs of producing the OBC over and above this funding.
- e) DfT expects the needs of all users, including cyclists, pedestrians, disabled people and public transport users, to be considered and benefits for them delivered as part of the solutions proposed in this scheme.
- f) A DfT representative may attend Project Board meetings as observer and Project Board papers and minutes should be provided to DfT on request.
- g) In general, updates of progress, and information on work carried out should be shared to DfT on an open and transparent basis and no reasonable request for information withheld.
- h) Your authority must arrange for the submission of an audit report to the Department from an independent and external reporting accountant in respect of the grant covered by this letter and the accompanying grant determination and any subsequent amendments to those documents. The accountant's audit report must

be produced in accordance with specific assurance instructions to be issued by the Department.

I attach a grant determination for the 2024/25 financial year.

Please confirm that you are content to accept the grant on the terms described above and we will then arrange payment of the grant.

If you have any queries about the contents of this letter or the attached grant terms and conditions, please contact me either by phone on 07966 511804 or by e-mail at roberts.fox@dft.gov.uk

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Robert Fox', written in a cursive style.

Robert Fox

ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE DECLARATION

Northam Rail Bridge

I ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE S31 GRANT LETTER FOR SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL FOR 2024/25 AND

I ACCEPT THE GRANT OFFER FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SOUTHAMPTON CITY COUNCIL SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SET OUT IN THIS LETTER AND THE ANNEXES TO THIS LETTER. I CONFIRM THAT I AM LAWFULLY AUTHORISED TO DO SO

SIGNED (CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER).....

PLEASE PRINT NAME.....

DATE.....

Please return to the Department for Transport: S31MajorProjects@dft.gov.uk – a scanned pdf is acceptable