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Dear Sirs,

PINCH POINT FUND BID BY KENT COUNTY COUNCIL-M20 JUNCTION 4

Local Pinch Point Fund Bid – M20 Junction 4 Eastern Overbridge

I am pleased to confirm Tonbridge and Mailing Borough Council's (TMBC) support for Kent County Council (KCC)'s Local Pinch Point Fund bid for the M20 Junction 4 Eastern Overbridge Widening Scheme.

This scheme is key to the delivery of the current and planned strategic housing and employment developments in the area and to the safe and efficient operation of Junction 4. The Borough Council has worked closely with the County Council and private sector partners to advance a clear and progressive development strategy in the area and the efficient functioning of the M 20 and junction 4 in particular is a strong part of that strategy. Should Government funding be awarded for the scheme, TMBC will continue to work closely in partnership with KCC, the Highways Agency and developers, on to deliver the agreed scheme, as it did successfully in the achievement of the improvements to the interchange and the widening of the western overbridge, as required by the Secretary of State in granting planning permission for three strategic housing sites in 2004.

Yours Faithfully

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