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The anticipated final cost of the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancements project (“the project”) is £183.7m

Network Rail is funded by the UK government in five year blocks, called Control Periods (CP). Network Rail is required, under the terms of its Network Licence, to publish a delivery plan that sets out its obligations for enhancements projects. The Enhancement Delivery Plan (EDP) details the outputs, scope and milestones for every project that Network Rail is committed to deliver during the five year period.

The project is part of the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline (RNEP) which releases funding in stages based on a maturing business case. The project is classed as a ‘funder priority’ within RNEP and the Chancellor stated that the project would be delivered in the March 2020 budget, subject to planning.

In April 2021 the Secretary of State for Transport approved the Outline Business Case for the project and Portfolio Board approved the Decision to Design. A letter from the Department for Transport sets out the intention of Government to fund this project through to delivery, therefore the project is considered to be fully funded.

The stated funds will meet the capital cost of implementing the proposed Transport and Works Act Order, inclusive of compensation and acquisition of blighted land as identified within section 149 of The Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

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Dear Lewis,

Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancements: Project Funding Availability

Further to recent discussions, I am happy to provide Network Rail with confirmation of funding availability for the Cambridge South Infrastructure Enhancements (CSIE) project, to support submission of Network Rail's Transport and Works Act Order.

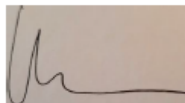
Funding will be met from the Department's Rail Enhancements Budget. CSIE is forecast to span two railway investment periods: Control Period 6 (2019-2024) and Control Period 7 (2024-2029). The costs of implementing the works are expected to be £81.4m in CP6 and £102.2m in CP7. In addition to funds already available in CP6 from the Statement of Funds Available, the Secretary of State anticipates that he will make funding available from future budgets in CP7 to continue this project, provided it has the required consents and continues to represent value for money. Note that the process for the Department to secure funding in CP7 is subject to a regulatory process and ultimately approval by HM Treasury Ministers, which is due to complete in 2023.

The Government confirmed its commitment to CSIE in the March 2020 Budget. Documentation published by HM Treasury at the time states:

"The government will also, subject to planning consents, build a new rail station at Cambridge South, improving connectivity to the world-leading research facilities of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus – the largest cluster of medical and life sciences research in Europe".

This can be found at paragraph 2.128 on page 83 of the document, which is publicly accessible at: https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/871799/Budget_2020_Web_Accessible_Complete.pdf

Yours Sincerely,



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