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[by email only]

Dear Deborah,

Birmingham Highways PFI

Thank you for your letter of 13 December 2023 to Emma Ward where you have asked for clarification on points included in DfT's decision letter dated 30 November 2023, including the future arrangements for Highways Maintenance funding. I am replying on behalf of Emma Ward, who is now on leave.

These are issues we will need to work through together in the coming weeks, although I note that the Council has been unavailable to engage with officials since the decision was communicated.

It will be important for us to work collaboratively with yourselves and WMCA to agree and implement the transitional and future funding arrangements.

Our offer to discuss these points still stands. I would be grateful if your team could contact [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] in the New Year to start those discussions.

In addition, we thank your lead Commissioner, Max Caller, for his letter of 14 December to the Transport Secretary setting out his views on the financial challenges the Council faces.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen Fidler

CC: *Lead Commissioner Max Caller*