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Ian Richardson
Director of Growth and Development
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Dear Ian

Blackburn College has a long and very successful history of providing relevant and high quality education from Entry level through to Masters' level. Blackburn College's purpose is to provide life changing educational opportunities for young people and adults through high quality education and training supporting their employment aspirations both now and into the future. In the future, portfolio careers with definable and transferable skills are needed, in an environment where technology and knowledge driven organisations are the way forward. As a provider of education and training Blackburn College prepare future citizens to play a more influential and caring role in society, locally, nationally and beyond. This enhances the concept of citizenship and promotes social cohesion.

The College has invested heavily in a fantastic town centre campus, working in partnership with industry in the design and development. Access to the campus and town for both pedestrians and vehicles is of great importance to the College for our students, visitors, external stakeholders and businesses whom we work very closely with. It is also important to create an environment for business to grow leading to improved prospects for the borough and its residents.

The College is therefore a strong supporter for the Growth Deal 3 "Pennine Gateways" project through its investment of £13M in transport infrastructure across the borough between 2018 and 2021 and in particular the completion of the Burnley Road Link Road with a new main route between M65 Junction 6 and Blackburn Town Centre.

Yours faithfully



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To whom it may concern:-

The Chamber is in support of the proposed Blackburn with Darwen Council road scheme known as **Growth Deal 3 Pennine Gateways**

- The action will unlock additional land for economic benefit in an area of demonstrated interest to the business community
- Creating up to 11,000 new jobs and enabling significant private sector investment in the area
- It will alleviate residential congestion caused by existing commercial traffic
- It will improve motorway access and reduce corresponding rush hour congestion

The local business community is performing well and benefits from significant support from the Council. Local economic restrictions focus around issues of infrastructure and the availability of employment land, as such this scheme is one well supported by the business community. By opening up access routes from development sites to the motorway, additional benefits will be felt by residents with the easing of congestion in certain areas. The Chamber is in support of this proposal.

Yours faithfully



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