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**For the attention of:
Martin Galloway - Head of Network Management**

Dear Mr. Galloway,

**BURNLEY PENDLE GROWTH CORRIDOR
PROPOSED IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES M65 J7 & M65 J8**

I refer to the proposals by Lancashire County Council (LCC) to improve capacity at two junctions on the M65 Motorway (J7 & J8). The need for the improvements has emerged from the Burnley Pendle Growth Corridor Study. The study was led by LCC with input from appropriate stakeholders, including Highways England.

The capacity improvements involve introducing traffic signals at the currently priority controlled roundabouts for each junction. The J7 roundabout is entirely within the ownership of LCC, with Highways England having responsibility for the slip roads only. At J8, Highways England is responsible for both the roundabout and slip roads, with LCC's responsibility limited to the northern A6068 arm of the junction.

We are aware of the pressures on these junctions and the need for additional capacity, particularly in relation to the future development aspirations in the wider area. Supporting economic growth is one of our key priorities and we will, of course, work with the council where possible to bring forward capacity improvements that support growth, and provide the optimum network solution for both LCC's and Highways England's road networks. I can confirm agreement to the principle of both schemes, as submitted, subject to detailed design / review in due course.

Yours sincerely,



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To whom it may concern,

Rose Grove junction / car park provision and Burnley Manchester Road station car park expansion

I write in response to your request for support for the Rose Grove junction improvement and the provision of improved bus interchange and car park as well as the expansion of the current Burnley Manchester Road railway station car park.

The rail network plays a significant role in a challenging economic environment, connecting major employment centres and strengthening links to regeneration areas. The recent infrastructure enhancements at Todmorden and the new station building at Burnley Manchester Rd will yield significant environmental, social and economic benefits which will be further enhanced with these two schemes.

We are therefore delighted to support both these proposed schemes as they build on the work of the East Lancashire Community Rail Partnership and deliver significant benefits for our customers at both stations.

Yours Sincerely

Craig Harrop
Client & Stakeholder Manager