

22<sup>nd</sup> November 2018

To whom it may concern

The Chamber of Commerce in East Lancashire began 131 years ago in Blackburn, and to this day focuses on driving the economic success of our member businesses and the economic area in which we are based. Blackburn is a key location within East Lancashire being the home of a significant proportion of the growing business community. But as with the whole of the region, business prosperity and productivity are hampered by poor local transport infrastructure, creating problems for moving goods, but also for the local population and workforce - problems with mobility and with air quality.

- The proposed North Blackburn Infrastructure Improvements will ease congestion at key junctions and improve motorway access, further opening up key employment areas around Whitebirk,
- Whilst improving journey conditions for local residents and aiding those from surrounding areas to access local jobs
- Facilitating the development of new local housing land providing easy access to town and employment destinations
- Reducing congestion in key areas will significantly reduce local air pollution and also increase the ease with which local public transport (rail) can be accessed improving local environmental prospects

The factors affecting the successful attraction of new businesses to a site or area can be many and varied, but local workforce availability and access/egress to the motorway network come top of the list. The Chamber wholeheartedly supports these proposed improvements to North Blackburn.

Yours faithfully,



**Miranda Barker**

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07 October 2019

Mike Cliffe  
Strategic Transport Manager  
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Dear Mike

### **Growth Deal Funding 3 South East Blackburn**

Chubb Systems Ltd is located on Shadsworth Road in Blackburn with a BB1 2PR postcode. With recent development and expansion we support the above growth deal funding project. As a business we are expanding into the Blackburn area but it is fundamental to the success of our business that the infrastructure can support our needs.

Blackburn is a key location within East Lancashire being the home of a significant proportion of the growing business community. But as with the whole of the region, business prosperity and productivity are hampered by poor local transport infrastructure, creating problems for moving goods, but also for the local population and workforce - problems with mobility and with air quality.

The third and final package of the Growth Deal 3 project involves the widening of Haslingden Road, the creation of a new link road at Blackamoor and a new entrance into Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital at Old Bank Lane.

The project will:

- Improve congestion on the Haslingden Road corridor to / from Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital and M65 Junction 5
- Improve air quality and pedestrian facilities at Blackamoor Junction (which is a designated Air Quality Management Area)
- Enable further development of employment opportunities on the Borough's major growth corridor, as set out in the Council's Local Plan 2
- Support future housing growth in the Borough, both by way of family housing and housing associated with Royal Blackburn Teaching Hospital

Major transport improvements will act as the catalyst for new housing and commercial development, contributing to the delivery of the Council's adopted Local Plan targets for new housing, businesses and jobs.

Yours faithfully,



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20<sup>th</sup> September 2019

Mike Cliffe,  
Strategic Transport Manager,  
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Dear Mike,

### **Growth Deal Funding 3 Bid**

Countryside properties has recently been awarded the large Housebuilder of the Year award completing 4,295 homes nationwide by the year ending 30<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Established in the North West for over 20 years Countryside Properties continue to expand across the region. The expansion being further boosted by our relationship with Sigma Capital Group. They have a unique private rented sector model which benefits from the oversubscribed demand to invest in its Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT), of which Homes England are a key investor. One site recently acquired within the borough is Queen Victoria Street which will deliver 68 PRS units on a brownfield site in the Mill Hill area of Blackburn. Countryside Properties are committed to a continued presence and the ongoing delivery of both open market, affordable and PRS houses across the borough and the wider area for the long term.

As with the whole of the region, business prosperity and productivity are hampered by poor local transport infrastructure, creating problems for moving goods, but also for the local population and workforce - problems with mobility and with air quality. Given that Blackburn is a key location within East Lancashire, Countryside Properties support the key infrastructure improvements that will act as a key catalyst for housing and commercial developments being delivered.

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- Improve congestion on the Haslingden Road corridor to / from Royal Blackburn Hospital and M65 Junction 5
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- Enable further development of employment opportunities on the Borough's major growth corridor, as set out in the Council's Local Plan 2

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- Support future housing growth in the Borough, both by way of family housing and housing associated with Royal Blackburn Hospital

Major transport improvements will act as the catalyst for new housing and commercial development, contributing to the delivery of the Council's adopted Local Plan targets for new housing, businesses and jobs.

Yours faithfully,

David Clifton  
Associate New Business Director  
Partnership North Countryside Properties (UK) Ltd

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21 November 2018

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Dear Denise

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 prepares 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 Council's Growth Deal 2 North Blackburn Project which includes increasing the capacity at the Brownhill Roundabout, a key intersection between the Ribble Valley, Blackburn Town Centre, Blackburn's Employment Zones at Whitebirk and wider connectivity to the M6, M65 and M66 motorways which will reduce commuter times for staff and students travelling into and home from the College and provide much improved links for businesses and employment within Blackburn and the wider area.

The College supports these planned transport improvements to this area as it will act as the catalyst to support new housing and commercial development contributing not only to the delivery of the Council's adopted Local Plan targets for new housing, business and jobs but also the delivery of the College's Strategic Plan, in particular to Build upon and Strengthen existing partnerships; to seek new partnerships to develop the College; to meet recruitment targets and provide progression pathways in to employment or further study and to ensure that all students have access to high quality and meaningful work experience, work placements or volunteering opportunities with local employers.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicola Clayton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

**NICOLA CLAYTON**  
**Director: Business Development and External Engagement**

Associate College of Lancaster University



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26 November 2018

Dear Helen,

**Re: Growth Deal 3 Funding Bid**

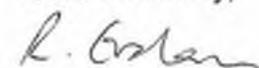
Persimmon Homes is one of the countries largest Housebuilders in the UK. Completing more than 16,000 new homes last year through a number of regional businesses.

Persimmon Homes Lancashire has been an established business in North West England for over 10years. The regional business has successfully delivered a number of developments in Blackburn and the wider East Lancashire area. Most recently, these include Brookview, Parsonage Road, Blackburn and Laburnum Walk, former India Mill, Blackburn. Persimmon Homes remains committed to a continued presence and the ongoing delivery of market and affordable homes across the Borough in the short and long term.

Persimmon Homes Lancashire therefore support the provision of key infrastructure improvements that will catalyse the delivery new homes and commercial development in the borough. Specifically, the North Blackburn Package offers a wide range of direct and indirect benefits for the delivery of new homes in borough. The benefits of the proposals would be felt wider than just Blackburn with Darwen, opening up the main gateways to commuters and investors and supporting the growth of the M65 Growth Corridor.

Persimmon Homes Lancashire support the funding bid as an effectual step to realising the Council's adopted strategy for new homes and economic growth.

Yours Sincerely,



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Land & Planning Manager  
Persimmon Homes Lancashire

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26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Dear Helen

**RE: Growth Deal 3 – North Blackburn**

We note with keen interest the submission by Blackburn with Darwen Council to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership for funding for the North Blackburn infrastructure Growth Deal.

As you are aware Wainhomes North West is a significant private investor within Blackburn and of particular relevance to this growth initiative is our £61,000,000 development off Yew Tree Drive, North Blackburn for 272 new homes. The success of this 7 year project depends heavily on the continued investment by the Council in improving the transport offer within this area of Blackburn. The planned infrastructure improvements will reduce congestion, improve journey times and ensure the continuing private investment required to meet the Council's and, their development partners, shared vision for Blackburn. The junction improvements planned will ensure the required connectivity between the residential developments, the employment destinations and public transport hubs, including rail services that are vital links to the other major north west cities such as Preston and Manchester.

We are monitoring this latest Growth Deal project closely and offer our continuing support in helping secure public funds to continue the significant progress made by Blackburn with Darwen Council in the overall regeneration of the borough.

Yours sincerely



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7<sup>th</sup> October 2019

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Dear Mike

**Growth Deal 3, Highways Improvements Programme, Haslingden Road**

Together Housing is one of the region's largest Housing Associations providing some 8000 affordable properties within the community. In addition to our existing property portfolio Together have a pipeline of further development which, over the next five years, will add a further 1000 new build affordable homes for the Borough's families.

Together Housing understands that the third and final package of the Growth Deal 3 project involves the widening of Haslingden Road, the creation of a new link road at Blackamoor and a new entrance into Royal Blackburn Hospital at Old Bank Lane.

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All of the above improvements will act as the catalyst for new housing and commercial development, contributing to the delivery of the Council's adopted Local Plan targets for new housing, businesses and jobs and as such they receive the full support of the Together Housing Group.

Yours faithfully



**Kevin Ruth**  
Deputy Chief Executive