National Productivity Investment Fund Worcester Bid

Robin Walker MP Letter of Support

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Dear Mr Rowe,

I write in support of Worcestershire County Council's bid for £5.5 million in funding from the National Productivity Investment Fund for the local road network in Worcester.

During the recent General Election, traffic and congestion were two of the biggest issues raised with me and I am keen to support any bid that will address these concerns. The route in which the works are concentrated is currently the principal focus for city centre congestion and associated poor air quality and I am delighted that the bid will reconstruct outdated traffic signals along Worcester's main east-west corridor which will improve the efficiency and accessibility for all road users, regardless of transport mode.

I am particularly supportive of the redesign to the Croft Road zebra crossing which is long overdue. As it stands the crossing is the source of much frustration for my constituents, being the cause of daily congestion for users of all modes of transport.

I am also delighted that the proposed bid will improve pedestrian and cycle facilities on what is a key link route between the university and the town centre and that the poor pedestrian crossing facilities in the Dolday and St Johns areas will be addressed which will provide safer and more efficient roads for drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and public transport users alike.

I commend Worcestershire County Council's bid, and wholeheartedly support the vital work that will be able to go ahead should funding be granted.

Yours Sincerely

Robin Walker MP.