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8 April 2011

Dear Paul

LOCAL SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT FUND

I am delighted to support the City Council's innovative bid to this Fund. As you know we have confirmed our intention to provide funding from our own resources to assist with the expansion of real time displays at bus stops and we are fully supportive of your plans for these as well as the other pioneering plans to compliment our work on further improving bus travel as well as other sustainable modes.

Yours sincerely

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FAO Dave Parker, Head of Transport Planning

22 March 2011

Dear Sirs

Brighton & Hove – Sustainable Transport Fund Bid

We are delighted that Brighton & Hove City Council (Brighton & Hove) is seeking to invest in sustainable transport improvement within its administrative boundary. Southern Railway Limited (Southern) supports the work that Brighton and Hove is planning to do to improve sustainable transport. Southern would actively support and seek to complement that work with our own investment and upgrade programme.

Within our franchise term, Southern is investing a minimum of £2m in improving the facilities at the following stations:

- Portslade;
- Aldrington;
- Hove;
- Brighton;
- London Road Brighton;
- Moulsecoomb;
- Falmer; and
- Preston Park.

Improvements to date include:

- all eight stations have been deep cleaned and minor repairs undertaken to improve the infrastructure and make them places passengers want to travel from;
- the stations have been 'Information Zoned' and decluttered to standardise where information is put on stations, e.g. onward journey information is located near to exits;
- increasing the cycle parking facilities by over 100 spaces at Portslade, Hove, Preston Park and Falmer stations;
- development of Station Travel Plans for Hove and Brighton stations and are currently implementing the recommendations;
- upgrading the under canopy lighting at Hove station to energy efficient lighting;

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- installation of passenger Help Points at London Road Brighton, Moulsecoomb and Preston Park; and
- changing the payment arrangements at Brighton station car park to automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and complemented this with a customer Help Point in the car park that includes live train running information.

Further planned improvements include:

- installation of multi-modal information screens at Aldrington, Brighton, Falmer, Hove, London Road Brighton, Moulsecoomb, Portslade and Preston Park stations to provide information to passengers on local bus times;
- installation of additional ticket vending machines at six stations, increasing ticketing flexibility for passengers;
- as part of our accessibility programme we are installing Maps for All at Brighton and Hove stations;
- upgrading the under canopy lighting at Brighton and Preston Park stations to energy efficient lighting;
- installation of A-Z fastest train indicator boards at Brighton station; and
- introduction of ITSO smart card ticketing at Brighton, London Road Brighton, Moulsecoomb and Falmer stations. If this is successful it will be rolled out to additional stations.

Brighton, Hove and Preston Park are stations that are the focus of particular additional investment by Southern. The specifications for additional investment at these stations are still being developed but are likely to include improvements to waiting rooms, toilets, passenger information and further general improvements to the station facilities.

We look forward to hearing more about your plans for these stations so we can work in partnership to improve the experience for our passengers.

Yours faithfully



David Scorey
Franchise Improvement Director



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University of Sussex

Rob Dicken
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29 March 2011

Dear Rob Dicken

RE: Travel plan partnership

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and the city council for providing the central point for the travel plan partnership meeting and information coordination.

Being a member of this partnership since its introduction it has been a much valued source of travel plan information and initiatives for green travel. The support that the council travel plan partnership has provided such as cycle maps and the journey on links have been of benefit to both the staff and students on the campus.

Your attendance at the campus fairs and promotional events like fresher has shown our student that working together both the university and the City are looking to improve the environment for all.

With a budget of around £90K per annum for sustainable travel initiatives, which in the present position I do not see changing, any additional input such as your match funding offers in the past have been appreciated. I feel sure if these can continue we will be looking for your support with this in the future.

I hope that our work together will continue for a long time for the benefit of our staff, students and Brighton and Hove.

Best Regards

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1st April 2011

Dear Katherine,

Following our recent meeting, I am very interested to hear of the potential developments regarding the various travel initiatives being proposed by your department.

As I am sure you are aware, we are very keen to support and cooperate with the council in these proposals and would welcome the opportunity to work with yourselves to improve the efficiency, safety and development of a better infrastructure to serve the University and local community.

Please let me know what input you are going to require for us so that I can ensure we have the right resources available to make this a resounding success.

If you wish to discuss the matter please do not hesitate to call me on 07884 316519.

Yours sincerely,

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28th March 2011

Dear Abby,

The research project 'Smart e-bikes - understanding how commuters and communities engage with electrically-assisted cycling' would like to express our support for the LSTF bid by Brighton & Hove City Council. The project commences in June 2011, runs for three years and is let by me. Researchers from University College London and the University of Ulster are also part of the project team. The 500k funding has been approved by the EPSRC (Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council).

The aim of our project is to understand how people engage with (smart) e-cycling and the issues for policy, design/product development and research that could lead to a higher uptake of e-bikes in the UK, and thereby potentially reduce carbon emissions. The project is positioned at the intersection of more traditional cycling research, mobile media studies and user-centred design, and aims to understand electrically-assisted cycling as a unique mode of transport, with distinctive potential and challenges in the UK context.

The project will involve a fleet of about 35 'data e-bikes', with 6 of these additionally kitted out as 'smart e-bikes'. Mobile technology such as a GPS/GPRS tracking units will be attached to the bikes in order to monitor their use. The 'smart e-bikes' will be further augmented with video cameras, mobile phones and other sensors to collect more qualitative and ethnographic data. These bikes will be distributed to trial participants through communities in Brighton, in partnership with Brighton and Hove City Council. During the trial, we aim to work with 2 workplaces (focusing on the issues faced by commuters) and 4 community groups (focusing on issues relating to the aging population). The academic corridor with the Universities (big employers and large numbers of students), topography and associated developments in

the Lewes Road area make it a significant area for this research project. Our methodology will bring together traditional transport monitoring (e.g. surveys and focus groups), qualitative and ethnographic methods from media studies (such as interviews and participant observation) and design methods (such as user-centred and inclusive design).

Working with Brighton & Hove City Council is of key importance to our research project as we aimed to situate the project in a Cycling Demonstration Town. Especially valuable for us is the access to Brighton & Hove's successful Business Travel Plan partnership (in order to establish employer/commuter trial participants) that you have offered us. Furthermore, you also offered us access to local community groups in order to engage hard to reach groups and older people in the trial element of the research project. The charging points for electric vehicles that have been installed in Brighton and Hove are also of interest to the project.

Kind regards,

Frauke Behrendt



FAO Tracy Davison
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Dear Tracy

I write to confirm that the South Downs National Park Authority (SDNPA) will give support in principle for Brighton & Hove City Council's bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund relating to the Lewes Road corridor.

We hope in particular that these proposals will deliver multiple benefits for local communities and that more sustainable and responsible access to the South Downs National Park will be achieved. Sustainable access will be a key issue to address across the National Park as a whole and this initiative would help start dealing with the problem.

If you are successful, we look forward to working with you to develop the detail of the bid's delivery options and potential match funding opportunities. By working in partnership, we would hope to ensure delivery of National Park purposes and the SDNPA duty whilst at the same time achieving your own objectives.

I wish you every success with your bid

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Andrew Lee".

Andrew Lee

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Date: 8 April 2011
Our Ref: MM/EB
Your Ref:

Dear Ms. Travis

As Chair of the Coombe Road LAT, I support the council's bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. The proposals in the bid will benefit local people in our area and improve access to bus services. By providing real time bus information to residents in the local area, this will encourage residents to use bus services for journeys into the city centre. This will improve access to employment and leisure facilities and reduce carbon emissions from vehicles for these short journeys.

Yours sincerely



Councillor Mo Marsh
Labour Member for Moulsecoomb & Bevendean Ward
and Chair of Coombe Road LAT

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11 April 2011

Re: Lower Bevendean

To whom it may concern.

Dear Sirs,

I am writing this letter to support the application for real bus time signs in Lower Bevendean. I write in the capacity as Chair of Action for Bevendean Community, (A.B.C.).

This organisation is a community forum to plan strategic planning for the estate of Lower Bevendean. It is made up of individuals and community groups within Lower Bevendean.

In January 2011, Councillors informed me that the major providers of bus services in Brighton & Hove; the Brighton & Hove Bus Company would stop evening and weekend services. I enquired if the information was true?

The reply was that it was looking into reducing our bus services, because the subsidy was going to be cut. After many discussions it was agreed to leave the service as it is.

Our day time bus service is every twenty minutes Monday to Saturday and evenings and Sundays every thirty minutes.

The service is often cancelled, or buses run round the estate with 'not in service' on their indication boards.

If we had a real time indicator sign, we would know when a bus is due or not. The best site to locate the sign is either Leybourne Parade Shops or the Willow Surgery. We in Lower Bevendean are fighting to be recognised by the bus company and the Council. This would enable us to know when a bus is due, or wait until the fictitious time tables produce a bus by luck. If we had one of these real time bus signs on the estate, it would endeavour to stop the rants and ravings of passengers, who may have waited up one hour for a bus; this is often the case in this area.

It would help relationships between drivers and passengers and the whole bus company.

Please allow us to join the rest of Brighton & Hove in knowing how long to wait for our buses.

R. Brown.

Robert Brown. M.B.E.

11-4-11

Dear Katherine Travis,

I am writing on behalf of residents in Coldean; we'd like to support the Council's bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

At the Coldean Community Conference with residents, transport issues were raised by residents in the local area as an important issue. Residents were clear that they wanted to improve public transport access from Coldean to the rest of the City to access employment, shopping and leisure facilities. The proposals in the Council's LSTF bid will benefit local people in our area and improve access to public transport to connect Coldean with the rest of the City and beyond.

There is currently no real time bus information in the Coldean area and this is a barrier to people using the bus service to and from the City Centre. If residents were able to rely on the information about buses arriving, and leaving they could have more effective contact with family and friends elsewhere. ~~More~~ regular use of the bus service would help reduce carbon emissions for vehicles for these journeys.

We also welcome proposals in the bid to improve access for residents to Stanmer Park (South Downs National Park) which would encourage more residents to visit this beautiful green area of this Ward.

Yours faithfully

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Labour Member for Hollingdean & Stanmer Ward

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13th April 2011

Katherine Travis
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Dear Katherine

Re: Real Time Bus Info – LSTF funding Bid

As Chair of the Moulsecoomb LAT I have been asked by residents at the LAT this morning to stress how much they support the council's bid to the Local Sustainable Transport fund. The proposals in the bid will benefit local people in the area and improve access to bus services. By providing real time bus information and other related services to residents in the local area it will encourage residents to use bus services for journeys into the city centre. This will improve access to employment and leisure facilities and reduce carbon emissions for vehicles for these short journeys.

We hope that improvements to the information provided about bus services and the provision of more accessible bus stops will encourage local residents to travel by bus more regularly, as it will remove some of the barriers local people currently feel exist about using the bus services.

Yours sincerely

Anne Meadows

Councillor Anne Meadows
Chair of the Moulsecoomb LAT
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Dear Katherine & Abby,

Re: Local Sustainable Transport Fund

The Lewes Road for Clean Air community group is delighted to support Brighton & Hove City Council's application to the DfT, for funding to support a range of sustainable transport initiatives focused on Brighton's Lewes Road Corridor.

Many residents and travelers along this route have, for too long, suffered from the many negative impacts arising from high volumes of motor traffic: the congestion and air pollution, noise and accidents, the dirty and degraded streetscape, all conspiring to undermine health, well-being and community. Added to this are the global impacts of associated carbon emissions.

In our view, the Lewes Road has enormous potential to be a model for sustainable transport, linking, as it does the city centre to four university sites, many schools and businesses, Stanmer Park and the new South Downs National Park, not to mention the new Falmer Stadium.

We welcome the proposed improvements to public transport facilities and services including better signage and links to Brighton Station. We welcome the use of technology and the concept of 'green waves' to improve traffic flow as well as other initiatives that you have outlined in the application. We support the promotion of electric bikes and cycle training schemes which help people to move to cycling. We are conscious of the huge potential benefits that could arise from closer partnership working between the universities, the Council, Falmer Stadium and the local bus services. We are also hopeful that better conditions for cycling will, if the bid is successful, emerge, addressing the many psychological and physical barriers which currently exist along this route.

We look forward to playing a continuing and active role, contributing solutions, to move toward our shared aspiration for a more sustainable and human-friendly Lewes Road.

Yours sincerely

Duncan Blinkhorn
LR4CA - Chair



13 April 2011

Katherine Travis,
Project Manager,
Brighton and Hove City Council

Dear Katherine Travis,

RE: Bid for Local Sustainable Transport Fund

The Brighton and Hove Community and Voluntary Sector Forum (CVSF), is a membership organisation which supports the local community and voluntary sector. CVSF has over 550 local community groups, voluntary organisations, charities and social enterprises in its membership.

CVSF supports its members and the wider community and voluntary sector to come together to network and influence the city's plans and strategies.

CVSF would be delighted, should Brighton and Hove City Council be successful in bidding for funding from the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, to support the implementation of the bid by facilitating the involvement of CVSF members interested in contributing to the proposals in the bid.

With very best wishes

A handwritten signature in purple ink, appearing to read "S. Polanski".

Sally Polanski,

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From: -

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12/04/2011

RE 'Share the Roads' Campaign

Dear Phil

Recently, I have been made aware of the 'Share the Roads' Campaign which you and your team have been running in Brighton and Hove.

Looking at the collision and KSI data across Sussex, non-motorised users are at significant statistical risk on the roads – especially in densely populated, busy, environments such as those you find in Brighton.

Your Share The Roads campaign is a good example of delivering a single campaign which can be amended as appropriate to target specific high-risk groups. The content of the campaign messaging also appears well-judged to meet the needs of a diverse road user community.

As you know, the SSRP is driven by data, and we have identified Non-Motorised Road Users as a key strategic priority for action in the coming year due to the number of casualties in the group. We also have identified PTWs as an area of significant concern.

I am delighted to see that your 'Share the Roads' campaign addresses each of these key areas.

Furthermore, I'm specifically pleased to see that the campaign is in support of the Sussex Safer Roads Partnership's own ethos and 'strap line' of:

Safer Roads, Safer Communities, Sharing the Responsibilities.

I feel that it is important to involve the local community in creating a safer road environment for all users, and I believe that the Share The Roads campaign does just that.

I would be keen for you to discuss, along with other Partners and our Communications Manager, how the SSRP as a whole might benefit from the 'head of steam' that you've already built up with the campaign. Since its central message is that of the Partnership itself – and your team have gained significant experience in its delivery – I feel that it would be an ideal product to roll-out across Sussex, increasing the levels of mutual respect and safety on our roads.

This is a campaign that I very much support due to its clear objectives and positioning, and hope to see implemented by other Partners, following on from your lead.

Yours sincerely



Ken Seymour

Abby Hone
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13 April 2011

Dear Abby

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Sustrans is pleased to support Brighton & Hove City Council's bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, which we feel meets the key criteria for the fund. We have a long history of successful partnership working with the Council, developing the National Cycle Network, supporting volunteer rangers, jointly working on Links to Schools and latterly delivering the Bike It project in the city.

Bike It came to Brighton & Hove in 2006 as part of the Cycling Demonstration Town programme.

We are ready and willing to expand the existing Bike It project to other parts of the city, including the Lewes Road corridor. Sustrans is particularly pleased that the Primary Care Trust has agreed to part fund Bike It for three years from April 2011.

We are pleased to confirm our own commitment of £5,000 from the DfT "interim funding" to the existing Bike It post in 2011/12.

We look forward to working in partnership with Brighton & Hove City Council to support the delivery of this programme.

Yours sincerely,



Simon Pratt

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Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum

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4 April 2011

Dear Tracy

Ref. Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Thank you for attending the Local Access Forum (LAF) meeting last week and outlining the proposed bid based on the Lewes Road corridor for the above funding.

The LAF very much supports this bid as this area has important links with open spaces such as the new South Downs National Park and the Lewes Road cemeteries. There are many opportunities to enhance both pedestrian and cycle access to the South Downs, particularly though Wild Park and Stanmer Park which could include small scale infrastructure improvements such as resurfacing, provision of improved crossing points, removal of barriers and provision of bollards and information boards.

Please do let me know if there is any further support or advice the LAF can provide and in the meantime do keep me updated with progress.

Yours sincerely



David Brookshaw
Chairman, Brighton & Hove Local Access Forum



COOMBE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL



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11th April 2011

Dear Ms Travis,

Re: LSTF funding bid Coombe Road

I am writing on behalf of the Coombe Road Primary School community in support of the Council's bid for LTSF funding. The proposals within the bid will benefit children and their families and will improve public transport access to our school for pupils, parents and staff.

By providing real time bus information that is local to our school, we hope that this will encourage parents and staff to use public transport more frequently. It will also give parents more confidence in using bus services to access leisure facilities in the city centre. I am sure that improvements to the information provided will remove some of the barriers parents have about using the bus service more regularly.

If I can be of any further help in supporting this bid then please let me know. It is vital that the Coombe Road area feels part of the overall Brighton and Hove planning process.

Yours sincerely,

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