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Dear Rub,

Slough Borough Council Mass Rapid Transit Scheme

Thank you for providing me with information about Slough's proposed SMaRT Scheme about which we are excited and extremely supportive.

As you are aware Slough is one of the most diverse Boroughs in the UK outside of London, whilst proud of this diversity we also face many challenges as a result, including varying levels of deprivation within the Borough, the skills gap between employers and residents, availability of suitable jobs for local residents as well as pressure on housing. All of these challenges are a high priority for not only Slough Borough Council but the wider Berkshire community and are captured in the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP).


One of the largest employers for the Borough is Heathrow Airport, with almost 10% of Heathrow's 72,000 workforce living in Slough and commuting their on a daily basis. One of the biggest challenges faced by residents and commuters in Slough is the transport availability to and from Heathrow and the Slough Trading Estate (SEGRO). Although Slough has good connectivity in transport terms to the national and local road network it is faced with eroding connectivity as a result which could result in more dependency on the private vehicle as the only viable choice.

We believe that good accessibility via alternative modes of sustainable transport will not only improve connectivity, but will bring improvements to the environment through reduced congestion and have supplementary health benefits and enable more people to access jobs and training opportunities that may help secure them more local jobs in the future.

The SMaRT scheme is a high priority in the implementation plan which accompanies the Thames Valley Berkshire Strategic Economic Plan in recognition of its contribution to improving urban connectivity and would help in improving Slough as a town. We firmly believe that the benefits of the SMaRT project, which include the enablement of the delivery of 200,000 Sqm of new commercial floor space and 3000 new dwellings, will help to improve Slough and allow it to continue to be a prosperous place to work and live.

We look forward to the implementation of this scheme that will enhance not only life opportunities but secure the economic prosperity of Slough.

Yours sincerely



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