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Dear Julian

## **Ashton Vale to Temple Meads and Bristol City Centre Rapid Transit Major Scheme Business Case Submission for Programme Entry**

Further to my letter of 25 February 2009, I have pleasure in enclosing 2 copies and a CD of our Rapid Transit Major Scheme Business Case for Programme Entry approval.

The business case summarises work undertaken over the past two years on developing proposals for a Rapid Transit Network in the West of England, as part of an integrated package of major transport schemes to help deliver our Joint Local Transport Plan targets and accommodate future development in the sub-region.

The scheme represents a fundamental step change in the quality and reliability of public transport travel. It has been assessed as being a strong performer with a robust economic case, is prioritised in the regional funding allocation and has a high level of local stakeholder, public and political support.

I am keen to facilitate an early endorsement of the scheme and I look forward to meeting you on the 23 April to present the scheme to your colleagues and answer your initial questions on the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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