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Dear Mr Kiely

This letter is being sent to support Thurrock Council's bid for funds from the DfT Local Sustainable Transport Fund.

First support any initiative to encourage and facilitate the use of sustainable transport methods such as increased walking and cycling and use of public transport. We support Thurrock Council's LSTF bid to encourage and facilitate sustainable travel in Thurrock.

If you were successful in your bid to secure £5m of LSTF funding between 2011/12 and 2014/15, First would welcome the opportunity to work with Thurrock Council in helping to deliver the objectives of the work you propose to undertake.

In addition, we feel that as partners we can deliver safe, sustainable transport benefiting from improved marketing and communications, increased travel planning and awareness of travel options, and improved intelligent systems that allow travellers to make informed decisions about their travel options.

This organisation will bring advice and experience of delivering reliable services to this bid, especially in areas of the elements of marketing and communication, ticketing ideas and intelligent transport systems.

In summary, we are very pleased to be part of the bid and look forward to working in partnership with Thurrock Council.

Yours sincerely



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Chris McCormick
General Manager
South Essex