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Dear Sian Evans

Re: A30 Chiverton to Carland

I am pleased to provide this letter of support for the proposals to dual the A30 from Chiverton to Carland junction on behalf of the Peninsula Transport Shadow Sub-National Transport Body, comprising of representatives of Cornwall Council, Devon County Council, Plymouth City Council, Somerset County Council and Torbay Council.

Currently, journeys on this section of the A30 suffer from severe congestion, which impacts on the environment and economy of the area. Journeys on this section often take twice as long when compared to other sections of the A30, and four times longer in the summer months. In 2014, an approximate total of 19 million visitors generated £2.6bn for the economy and supported 53,000 jobs. Despite this, productivity across Cornwall in 2015 was 26% lower than the English average, and has continued to fall over time.

Improving the A30 between Chiverton and Carland Cross will make journeys safer, quicker and more reliable, as well as improving local life and regional economic growth. This investment provides an opportunity to make access to Cornwall more sustainable and easier for future generations, allowing the region to improve the perception of the south west for tourists and visitors. This will make it an easier place to visit and do business with.

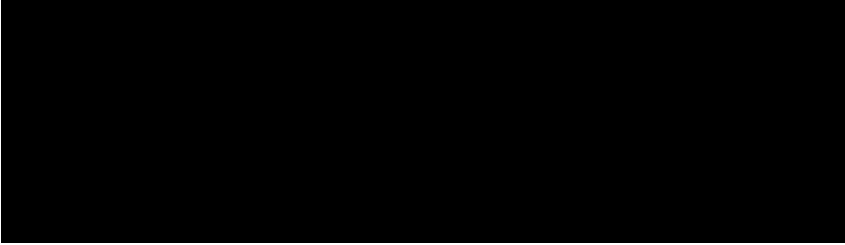
We recognise that delivery of this road improvement scheme will achieve economic, environmental and social benefits not just to Cornwall but to the wider south west region. These benefits include:

- An eight and a half minute reduction in journey time which delivers £708M total journey time benefits, including a £270M saving for business users
- An 11% reduction in serious or fatal accidents
- A reduction in greenhouse gases and improvements in local air quality

Along with the reduction in journey times and safety improvements, the proposals to upgrade a 14km section of poorly performing single carriageway trunk road will significantly improve resilience of the strategic highway network. The new dual carriageway will provide a high quality, faster and safer link between western Cornwall and the M5, making the area feel closer and easier to access.

I trust the support of the group is recognised as the scheme moves through the statutory process and look forward to a positive outcome.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Geoff Brown
Peninsula Transport Chair