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Dear Will,

Connected Vehicle Data Funding Competition

My Asset Manager contacted Steve Birdsall at Gaist just before Christmas to discuss the possibility of working together on a suitable bid. Gaist are acknowledged leaders in this field and have demonstrated their sustained prowess over many years. Steve at once realised the possibilities and the advantages of working with other authorities as well as ours.

Fundamentally Steve's proposal involves fixing cameras to existing vehicles which cover cyclic routes within each partner authority. This provides weekly updates of the condition of roads within our Borough. It is expected that such a frequent update will allow us to monitor and calibrate the development of potholes and other safety defects with sufficient accuracy to be able to anticipate when they will exceed intervention criteria.

Other benefits we expect include:

- a. Ability to direct inspectors and repair crews to particular defects.
- b. Improved efficiency.
- c. Reduced cost.
- d. Much improved section 58 defence.
- e. Digital video library of highway condition.
- f. Ability to prove that there was no defect at any given time.

I can confirm that this Council is able to provide £5,000, as are the other seven authorities, towards this £250,000 project in the coming financial year; the procurement would be via your Road Asset Management System framework.

Yours sincerely,



Harry Catherall

Chief Executive