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Will Britain
Highways & Transport Management Services,
Community and Environmental Services Department
Blackpool Council,
Number One Bickerstaffe Square,
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DfT - Funding for Innovation: Connected Vehicle Data - Letter of support

Dear Will,

On behalf of Cumbria County Council I am delighted to confirm our support for this bid.

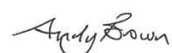
In reviewing the recommendations within the new Code of Practice – ‘Well Managed Highway Infrastructure’, Cumbria sees the real benefits in an innovative solution to develop a digital inspection system designed to reduce the cost and increase the efficiency of existing highways safety inspection regimes, utilising cameras connected to conventional council/contractor vehicles and/or bicycles and motorbikes.

The solution will look to provide significant benefits including, increased productivity of highways inspectors, reduce costs, improve the safety/condition of the highway, reduce time to detect safety defects, provide more robust evidence of network condition & for claims defence, create a digital image library of network for use by various departments /stakeholders and thereby provide an overall benefit to the road safety of all users of the highway network.

As a Tier 1 authority we will support the bid by committing £5,000 to the project cost. In addition, Cumbria would look to procure these benefits through the Blackpool RAMS Framework which is available to any LHA in the UK, thereby maximising the benefits and saving on procuring these services.

I look forward supporting this exciting and innovative project and demonstrating the real benefits and efficiencies that this solution will provide.

Yours sincerely



Senior Manager
Strategic Asset and Network Management