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DfT - Funding for Innovation: Connected Vehicle Data - Letter of support

Dear Will Britian,

I am pleased to confirm on behalf of Bristol City Council support of the bid above.

Developing a digital inspection system will increase efficiency of the existing highways safety inspection regimes. Therefore, whilst reducing cost of inspection will still ensure a robust Section 58 defence for the authority. This efficiency can be realigned to reducing the time for defect repairs.

Adding the cameras to various vehicles using the resilient and primary network will enable the authority to have real time images of condition. We can undertake assessments through learning and monitoring of when we need to intervene to reduce the amount of defects becoming a pothole.

The proposal will bring added benefits to a number of disciplines within the authority's transport department providing benefit to Road Safety and Sustainable Transport mode.

As the leading Smart city for the country Bristol City Council will be looking to bring in opportunities to further support the bid.

As Project executive and Tier 1 authority we will support the bid by committing £5,000 to the project cost.

I look forward supporting this ground-breaking project which has the potential to bring benefits to all authorities across the UK.

Yours sincerely

Shaun Taylor

Head of Highways Maintenance

Bristol City Council