

Weston Package Phase 1
Major Scheme Business Case

Appendix 2.2

South West Regional Assembly Letter of support



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Dear Julian

Weston Super Mare Package (Stage 1) – Phase 1 Major Scheme Bid

The South West Regional Assembly has recently submitted its RFA2 advice to the Regional Minister. The RFA2 advice includes the Western Super Mare Package (Stage 1) within the forward 5 year programme.

The Regional Assembly continues to support this scheme and feels that de-coupling of the scheme into two phases is a pragmatic solution in responding to challenging economic circumstances. The region supports the bid from North Somerset Council for programme entry of the Weston Super Mare Package (Stage 1) going forward in two phases as follows:

Phase 1a which is comprised of all elements in the low cost option:

- Worle Station improvements including bus priority measures
- A370 Gateway improvements including bus priority measures
- Junction 21 improvements

Phase 1 b which is comprised of the remaining elements in the preferred option:

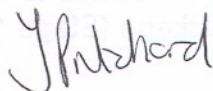
- Cross Airfield Link
- Airfield Bridge Link

The region supports the revised spend profile for Western Super Mare Package (Stage 1) – Phase 1a as follows:

RFA Contribution	2011/12	2012/13	2013/14	1014/15	2015/16	Total
Phase 1a	1,883	6,879	3,317	0.028	-	12,107
Phase 1 b						
RFA2 Total						19.32

Whilst we appreciate the difficulty in giving a cost profile for Phase 1b of the scheme it is important that we have an 'indicative' spend profile so that the remaining £7m for this scheme can be retained within the RFA2 programme. We look forward to receiving this information in the near future.

Yours sincerely



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