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Cllr Peter Nutting
Leader of Shropshire Council
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14 December 2017

Dear Peter,

I wanted to write to you to offer my full support for your Council's submission to the Department of Transport for the North West Relief Road.

Ever since I was first elected to be the Member of Parliament for Shrewsbury in 2005, improving Transport infrastructure has been a major priority and building the North West Relief Road is the most important. I strongly believe from the number of conversations I have had on the subject with constituents that they are firmly onside and supportive of the project.

The Labour Government before the financial crisis were extremely close to delivering the funding needed and then the proposal was dropped due the poor national finances. This left a large number of people in the constituency frustrated and feeling that we had been picked up and then dropped. It was also a short sighted decision because the road would have brought with it a large amount of economic growth, jobs and housing, something which is very much needed today.

The proposed road would also cut the journey time between the north and the west by two thirds. This would lead to more efficient car journeys, less congestion and lower pollution. The cost-benefit ratio in previous studies has suggested a multiplier rate of 5.4 which can be seen as good value for money based on the UK government's own criteria.

I look forward to seeing your final submission, I know from the preliminary findings that it is a very worthy scheme, which I will be doing all I can in Parliament to progress.

Yours sincerely

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Daniel Kawczynski
Member of Parliament for Shrewsbury and Atcham

Cllr Peter Nutting
Leader
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12 December 2017

Dear Peter

DfT's Large Local Majors programme - Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

I write to confirm the Marches Local Enterprise Partnership's support for your submission for funding to deliver the Shrewsbury North West Relief Road under the DfT's Large Local Majors programme.

I am aware that a great deal of work has been undertaken by Shropshire Council following our successful submission for the further development and refresh of the evidence base for the scheme, and that the resulting work will be submitted to DfT later this month.

This is considered to be a strategic project for the LEP. Development of the SNWRR will further support the economic development of Shrewsbury, and will support the reduction of congestion within the town which has an impact on town centre businesses and the health of residents.

I am very happy to support this application.

Yours sincerely



Graham Wynn, OBE
Chairman - Marches LEP

Matt Johnson
Strategic Transport and Contracts Manager
Highways and Transportation
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18th December 2017

Dear Matt,

Shrewsbury Business Improvement District (BID) is pleased to place on record its support for Shropshire Council's funding bid to take the remaining sections of the North West Relief Road forward.

Shrewsbury BID is a business led partnership dedicated to making Shrewsbury a better place to live, work, visit & invest. We are solely accountable to our 500 business members and are governed by a voluntary board of directors from a representative range of sectors in Shrewsbury town centre.

Shrewsbury BID surveyed its members on the NWRR project in October 2017 and all members who responded were supportive of the project with a positive score of 9.6/10 for the question 'Do you think the NWRR should be built?'

Shrewsbury BID's Access and Car Parking Working Group has also reviewed the plans in detail and following a presentation from the NWRR Project Team in October unanimously agreed to support the approach, principles and objectives of the scheme.

In summary Shrewsbury BID believes that the North West Relief Road is a vital project for the town centre which will help reduce congestion and through traffic in the town centre, and unlock a key area of Shrewsbury which has significant potential for economic growth.

Yours sincerely,



Kevin Lockwood
Shrewsbury BID Director
Chair Access & Car Parking Working Group



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19th December 2017

Dear Matt,

Midlands Connect is a partnership of 23 Local Authorities and 9 LEAs, working together with our Airports, HS2 Ltd. Network Rail and Highways England to determine transport priorities within the region based on economic potential. This then enables the region to speak as one when determining our objectives and goals and the best ways of achieving these.

The Midlands Connect strategy demonstrates that to improve the economy of our region, and accommodate potential growth we must upgrade the transport infrastructure. When we did this work we identified a number of growth hubs and corridors where we should concentrate our investment, and these included strategic routes into and across Shropshire including access to the port at Holyhead and improved access to Wales.

These plans to provide a relief road to the North-West of Shrewsbury will improve access along this corridor and remove considerable amounts of freight traffic from local roads. This new link will reduce journey times and remove heavy vehicles unsuitable roads, it will provide resilience for the current network and open up land for development along the route.

We therefore fully support the advancement of this project and look forward to the benefits it can bring to Shrewsbury, Shropshire, the Midlands and beyond.

Many thanks,

Maria Machancoses
Director of Midlands Connect



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18 December 2017

Dear Matt

North West Relief Road

I write on behalf of Shrewsbury Town Council to lend our support to the development of a North West Relief Road around Shrewsbury.

Shrewsbury's position as both a sub-regional centre for economic growth, tourism, retail and the night-time economy but also its setting and location within the county road network means that any inability to navigate around the town has a detrimental impact for not just the county town of Shropshire, but the county and areas beyond.

This summer alone we have seen incidents on the A5 around Shrewsbury which has meant that not only has there been standing traffic on the main network but also gridlock within the town, resulting in down time for businesses and communities, frustration for local residents and shoppers but also impact on the local environment and people's subsequent enjoyment of the town.

We firmly believe this connectivity around the town will have significant benefits for many including:

- Businesses who want to have quicker access to the A5 and areas to the north and west of Shrewsbury. It will be a
- Residential communities who wish to access key local services in the north west and in particular the hospital but also retail and business premises in the north of the town
- Providing all with alternative routes around the town when access to the A5 is restricted/closed

This development will be the driver to much greater resilience, improvements and connectivity within the town centre with reduced traffic congestion and traffic conditions within the town highway network; this will in turn lead to less accidents. This will have knock on effects for those who not only use their own vehicles but those who rely on public transport with keeping to timetables being an easier and more viable option. It will also mean that those wishing to walk or use bikes will have safer environments to travel with better air quality.



The Town Council is an active partner alongside Shropshire Council and the Business Improvement District in the development of a Big Town Plan; a holistic masterplan of how we wish the town to move forward with the prime goal in improving the wish of people to want to live and work here and in turn businesses to want to relocate.

The NWRR will be a catalyst to other projects being developed ensuring the maximum impact on such a considerable development to ensure the best return on our collective investment.

We would like to commend Shropshire Council on their work in engaging with the local community in seeking their views on the development of the plan. We see that this approach has been most useful and has provided direction in the development of some of those smaller projects that will ensure maximum benefit. We will actively commit to working with Shropshire Council to facilitate the delivery of both this and other related projects.

In conclusion we believe that it is the right time to develop the North West Relief Road. Our Team Shrewsbury approach to working collaboratively at a time when the Local Plan is being reviewed setting development direction up to 2036 and the Big Town Plan is beginning to kick-start those long-term visions and ambitions will mean that Shrewsbury not only retains but enhances its status as a key sub-regional settlement important to not only the West Midlands but to the North-West and Wales.

Yours sincerely

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Helen Ball BA (Hons) FILCM
Town Clerk



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27th November 2017

Re: North West Relief Road Support

Dear Mr Johnson,

With reference to above. ABP UK operate two major manufacturing sites within Shropshire.
ABP Shrewsbury; Battlefield Road, Shrewsbury and ABP Ellesmere (Lower Hordley).

ABP UK also work with several major service providers within the county.

- 1) Penton's Oswestry
- 2) Morris Transport Oswestry
- 3) Coldmove Oswestry
- 4) CML Telford and Edwards Transport Market Drayton.

Just to name a few.

- Raw materials for production are delivered to Oswestry and directly to our factories in Shropshire from our sister companies and authorised supply base.
- Goods are also produced at these factories and stored/ consolidated and despatched from Oswestry.
- Finished goods are again despatched from the factories and Oswestry to our UK and International customers.

We therefore have many, many journeys between Shrewsbury/ Ellesmere and Oswestry. From raw materials, packaging, livestock and finished goods. In addition; staff travel between all sites on a daily basis.

Commercial vehicles cannot navigate B roads as easily as A roads. Therefore (to link to our Shrewsbury site) must circle below Shrewsbury.

A major northern link road between Oswestry and Shrewsbury which would negate the need to pass below Shrewsbury which would save time, fuel and no doubt take commercial traffic away from the current A road system.

As commercial vehicles are naturally slower than domestic ones; it can be taken that all things being equal the existing road system will flow faster with this volume of commercial traffic rerouted.

As such; ABP UK logistics is in support of any such road scheme.

Yours faithfully,

MG Papadopoulos
Group Logistics Manager ABP UK



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Friday 17th November 2017

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Re: Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

I write this letter in support of the above scheme.

As providers of Cold Storage and Blast Freezing for the ABP Group, any significant improvement in a road infrastructure can only be of benefit to both ABP and ourselves.

In line with Food Safety Legislation, meat that comes from any of the ABP sites needs to arrive with Cold Move within required timelines in order to freeze product to the correct specification, and as such an improvement in the road network, can facilitate this, by alleviating traffic on current routes, thus reducing journey times.

Yours sincerely

Simon Williams
General Manager



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Reference: Shrewsbury North West Relief Road

Dear Sirs

Morris Transport operates 50x HGV Vehicles from its site at Oswestry. Our vehicles access the M54/M6 UK road network via the A5 passing Shrewsbury. Historically the existing road network around Shrewsbury suffers from major congestion especially at peak times and many occasions due to traffic collisions we have experienced many closures which snarls up the surrounding road network.

Our vehicles deliver to Battlefield Shrewsbury on a daily basis using the A5 approaching from the west. The new proposed link road would reduce the journey distance and most importantly have dramatic impact on easing the current congestion on the A5 Shrewsbury ring road.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Yours Sincerely

Harry Thomas

Operations Manager