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Dear Fabian,

Thank you for your letter of 18 February about the New Generation Transport (trolleybus) Scheme. I appreciate the unique history of this scheme and the importance that people feel it holds for the city of Leeds.

As you know, this Scheme is in the Development Pool. Promoters of schemes in this Pool need to submit a Best and Final Funding bid by 9 September confirming the scope of the scheme and the DfT funding required, and we will aim to make decisions by the end of 2011. The promoters have asked whether they could work towards an approval in advance of this timetable and that is something we are prepared to discuss with them.

However, as with all schemes currently under consideration, it is incumbent upon the promoters to demonstrate that they have explored all opportunities to reduce the funding requirement from central Government. I understand they are in the process of putting together a revised funding proposition which we will consider carefully.

Yours sincerely

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