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Dear George

I am pleased to tell you that the Government today announced further capital funding that will go to local councils in 2017/18 to improve the productivity of our local roads. Substantial funding is being provided and I attach the Roads Funding Information Pack showing the indicative funding for each council or, where applicable, the Combined Authority area grouping of councils.

The funding shared across the authorities will support infrastructure projects on local roads and ease congestion.

Our roads network is used by 95 per cent of people every day and it is vital this lifeline is enhanced and maintained. That is why the Government is committed to upgrading and renewing the local highway infrastructure, and the announcement today, for funds in 2017/18, includes:

- £210m from the National Productivity Investment Fund, with £185m to improve local road networks such as highways and public transport networks, and £25m from the new Safer Roads Fund (from a total of £175m over four financial years) to start to tackle some of the most dangerous A roads;
- £75m from the Highways Maintenance Challenge Fund, where local authorities can compete for funding for large maintenance schemes;
- £75m from the Highways Maintenance Incentive Element.

These funds are in addition to the £801 million that will go to local highway authorities for highways maintenance in 2017/18.

Our support for local roads funds essential improvements across the country, and this package of funding for 2017/18 demonstrates that the Government is serious about investing in the infrastructure of our country.

I have also emailed you with a copy of this letter and an attached electronic version of the Roads Funding: Information Pack. This document provides more detail of the funding by area, if you would like a hard copy of this document, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours,

Andrew

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