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Dear Graham

Local Sustainable Transport Fund

Thanks for your recent communication regarding the Local Sustainable Transport Fund. We believe that the Cycle Network MasterPlan should become the heart of the LSTF bid. It would consist of a mix of revenue and capital activities. The link between increasing levels of cycling, providing a cycle network and the LSTF requirements of job creation (growth) and carbon reduction is well documented. Talk to us about references if you need any.

Newcastle city centre is the largest employment area in Tyne & Wear. Congestion caused by increased road traffic is a new threat to both the economic success of the city centre and to the employment prospects of those who work there.

The strategic cycle network will create strategic cycle links from residential areas to the city centre. It is the Newcastle Cycle Strategy (draft) and the Cycle Manifesto that give the mandate to develop and implement the **Cycle Network MasterPlan**.

Step 1 – Where do people want to go and where from? (Now) - Revenue

Step 2 - Create the MasterPlan for a cycle network (Year 1 - 2012) - Revenue

Step 3 – Implementation (Years 2 & 3 - 2013, 2014) - Capital

Focus on a manageable one or two routes at first, and through good consultation and community engagement, create a positive feedback loop for the implementation of the remaining routes

Step 4 – Maintenance and Monitoring (on-going activity)

We have attached a more detailed methodology, and a schematic map for the strategic routes as a starting point. Please get in touch so we can together develop this plan into an integral LSTF bid.

Kind regards

Katja & Claire

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