Dear Saaied Manzoor,

**A457 Dudley Road Improvement Scheme**

Following the decisions reached as part of the Local Growth Fund Round 3, this letter confirms that Ministers have decided that the funding for and approval of the A457 Dudley Road Improvement Scheme promoted by Birmingham City Council with the support of the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership is to be retained by the Department for Transport.

This should allow your Authority to complete the remaining legal and procurement processes (but not enter into contractual or other legal commitments for the construction of the scheme) following which a request for Full Approval can be made. Once Full Approval has been granted the required contractual and other legal commitments for the construction of the scheme can be entered into.

As part of this approval the Department will provide a maximum funding contribution of £22.5m towards the estimated total scheme cost. **No further funding will be provided by the Department for this scheme.** Should Full Approval of your scheme be granted, funding will be paid as capital grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003 to an indicative profile to be agreed.

Yours sincerely,

Charlie Sunderland