



Birmingham City Council

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Dear Angela Trevithick

Cycle City Ambition Grant Programme – Ongoing Funding

Birmingham City Council enthusiastically welcomes the further ongoing funding that is to be made available as part of the Cycle City Ambition Grant programme and are pleased to submit the accompanying bid for funding for the period 2015 to 2018.

The initial 2013 award of £17M to the City Council from the CCAG programme has allowed us to undertake unparalleled infrastructure improvements for cycling over the past 18 months and begin the roll out of the **Birmingham Cycle Revolution** programme. Early programme achievements have been made with 11 off-road green route schemes and 6 canal towpath upgrade schemes. Construction of five routes along major arterial highways will commence this spring, along with quieter parallel routes. The *Big Birmingham Bikes* programme will soon be making available 5000 bicycles for use by the city's residents. 20m mph limits are to be introduced onto residential roads to provide a comfortable and safe cycling environment. In 2014 a further £6M was secured from the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership to extend the programme.

We firmly believe that having more people cycling in Birmingham will be an important and visible contributor to the continuing evolution of the city into one appropriate for the 21st century - economically successful, healthy and environmentally sustainable. Our **Birmingham Cycle Revolution** programme has the widespread support of partners across the economy, transport, public health and well-being, environmental and sport and physical activity sectors.

Securing further CCAG funding for the **Birmingham Cycle Revolution** will allow the extension of the programme to serve more residents in the city. The programme will reflect the lessons learnt so far; in particular, given a longer funding timescale, we anticipate implementing highway cycling infrastructure that provides comfort and safety to a wider range of users. We see this as an exciting opportunity to significantly extend provision for cyclists in the city and are confident of our abilities to deliver an extended programme on schedule.

We are keen to work with the Department for Transport at every opportunity as part of the wider Cycling Delivery Plan and anticipate submitting further schemes for the recently communicated Pipeline Proposals funding opportunity.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards

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