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Dear George,

Thank you for your email of 29 March to the Secretary of State, enclosing correspondence on behalf of your constituents, about funding for active travel. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

As you will be aware, this Government has done more than any other in relation to the promotion of walking and cycling, and it remains fully committed to the vision that by 2030 half of all journeys in towns and cities are walked or cycled. This is in addition to the objectives outlined in the second statutory Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy (CWIS2).

Around £3 billion is projected to be invested in active travel up to 2025, despite the need for efficiency savings across Government due to global financial pressures. This sum includes at least £100 million of capital funding over the two-year period of 2023/24 to 2024/25 for active travel infrastructure, following on from an expected £850 million investment up to 2022/23. The £3 billion also includes funding from wider sources such as the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlements and the Levelling Up Fund.

Active Travel England will work to ensure that this wider funding supports delivery of the objectives in CWIS2, including the need for projects to conform to national design guidance. Active travel remains at the heart of the Government's agenda, and the Department will continue to ensure that it is given the priority it deserves.

Yours ever,

RT HON JESSE NORMAN MP

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