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Dear Mr Pryor

DfT National Productivity Investment Fund – Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone East Access

I am writing to express our full support for this scheme on behalf of the University of Bristol

In November 2016 the University announced plans to develop a new £300m enterprise Campus on the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone. The Campus will replace the derelict Royal Mail Sorting Office on Cattle Market Road and includes student accommodation adjacent to the planned Bristol Arena. The Campus will provide a major venue for innovating in partnership with businesses and local communities to generate economic and social benefits - benefits that stand to be curtailed if the transport infrastructure is inadequate.

Our plans are advancing and we are currently consulting on the Masterplan with an application for outline planning approval due later this Autumn. Initial feedback from local communities has immediately surfaced concerns as to the adequacy of the transport infrastructure of the Enterprise Zone. The infrastructure improvements contained in the proposed Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone East Access scheme will have significant positive and direct impacts on our new campus.

Easing congestion and providing high quality sustainable transport infrastructure in the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone is key to ensuring the area remains an attractive place to do business, create economic and social benefits and provide for our staff and students. This scheme will complement the existing investment already being made and help to make the Enterprise Zone a truly world-class and productive city quarter.

The University strongly urge that funding will be made available by the DfT to allow this scheme to come forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Guy Orpen', written in a cursive style.

Professor Guy Orpen
Deputy Vice-Chancellor and Provost

CC Neil Bradshaw, Programme Manager, Temple Quarter