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Dear Mr Cartmell

Complaint dated 22 June 2015 – Local Enterprise Partnership – Local Transport Board grant award decision

Thank you for your e-mail dated 30 July 2015; in response to my letter of the same date.

In considering your original complaint, I reviewed your first submission, together with the additional information you kindly provided Debbie Middleton on 25 June 2015. Careful thought and consideration was given to your complaint, with a thorough investigation carried out; including consideration of the allocation of Local Growth Fund monies, its restrictions, the role of the LEP and LTB, as well as the decision making process for this application in light of the Assurance Frameworks and other supporting documentation.

An important clarification to make is that all monies awarded by the LTB originate from the same, single, Local Growth Fund grant received from Government. The LEP are given significant flexibility on how it allocates the money to meet those priorities identified in the SEP (which was approved by Government); the LEP allocated a set amount to "sustainability" schemes, as described in the SEP. Every business case considered by the LTB on 25 March 2015 was appraised by independent advisors who considered the overall benefit (incorporating consideration of value for money) of a project. My review found that the LTB and LEP acted in accordance with their respective Assurance Frameworks and the Worthing Sustainable Transport Package – Phase 1 (Montague Street) grant was awarded in line with the description of "sustainability" adopted through the SEP.

I do not believe that your e-mail dated 30 July 2015 sets out any new avenue of complaint not already considered and addressed. In particular I believe the source of the Local Growth Fund, its allocation and award, the scope of sustainable projects as set out in the SEP and role of the LTB have all been adequately addressed; therefore I feel there are no grounds to change my original finding of being unable to uphold your complaint.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Peter Lewis", written over a blue horizontal line.

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