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From: Stokes, Ian
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Cc: Clarke, Tony; Vose, Andy; Pickles, Jonathan
Subject: Small Schemes Funding: City of York Council

Dear Mr Priest,

Thank you for your letter dated 26th July 2006 awarding £125,000 grant funding for the Access to York Station scheme, under the Access for All Small Schemes Funding.

In accordance with your instructions, please find following a status report for the scheme. This is the first such status report submitted, as it was believed to be premature to provide you with an earlier one, as requested, by the end of September 2006.

It was intended to apply for Planning Permission, in Summer 2006, in parallel with confirming the routeing of the access through the north end of York Station with Network Rail and GNER. However, all parties have not been able to agree this routeing, as there are several projects being promoted at York Station which affect this scheme, so the Council has not been able to submit the Planning Application yet. Due to the timescale for obtaining Planning Permission, it is unlikely that even if a Planning Application is submitted immediately, the scheme will progress to anywhere near completion by the 31st March 2007.

In addition the Council is currently undertaking a full review of its Capital Programme. This review is evaluating all projects in terms of cost and ability to be delivered within this financial year. The Access to York Station scheme has been identified in this review as a scheme that is unlikely to be completed within this financial year and is, therefore, a strong candidate for elimination from the 2006/07 Capital Programme. If deleted from the 06/07 programme it may be deemed appropriate for deferment to a following year.

I shall, therefore, be pleased to receive your advice regarding the potential to utilise this funding, particularly in regard to your intentions to reallocate this to another project to enable you to make the most efficient use of the grant available to you.

I am aware that the deadline for bids for the 2007/08 Access for All Small Schemes Funding has expired, but I trust that this will not preclude the scheme being considered for funding in 2008/09. Please be assured that the Council is continuing to liaise with Network Rail and GNER to coordinate the York Rail

Station projects to a successful complementary solution.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Stokes
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