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Dear Ms Gibson,

Boosting the tourism economy in Whitby and the Esk Valley

Thank you for your tranche 2 bid to the Local Sustainable Transport Fund, submitted in February. This letter is to inform you that Ministers have decided to provide partial funding for this bid.

This package is well focussed on problems of congestion in Whitby, and the Hopper service will benefit the park. However, £470k has been removed from the level of DfT funding requested in the original bid, covering elements such as electric bike hire, marketing and rail enhancements - these will need to be funded instead through additional local contribution if they are still considered to be a priority. Financial sustainability is an important element of the LSTF criteria and we therefore request that you continue to fund the bus services for a period of at least one year following cessation of DfT funding. The Department would be happy to provide further feedback and advice if you require. Please contact the team at lstf@dft.gsi.gov.uk

The Department's funding contribution to the project takes effect from 27 June, and will be paid as resource and capital grant as follows:

£k	Revenue	Capital	Total
2012/13	0	538	538
2013/14	25	2403	2428
2014/15	195	500	695
Total	220	3441	3661

We will write to you shortly with a formal offer of grant under Section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The letter will include the terms under which the grant is to be provided. It will also explain that there will be no opportunity to carry forward any unspent funds into subsequent financial years.

Thank you for taking the time to develop your bid to the Fund. My team and I look forward to working with you and we wish you every success in implementing the project and realising the benefits for your local communities.

Yours sincerely,



Pauline Reeves