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Cllr Trevor Muten
Cabinet member for Transport and City Infrastructure
Brighton and Hove City Council
By Email

Dear Trevor

I am writing to in support of Brighton and Hove City Council's bid for the Department for Transport Major Road Network fund for significant structural improvements to the Kings Road Arches on the A259.

I know there has been some excellent work done by the City Council on this ongoing programme for rebuilding and restoring the seafront arches. These arches are 120 years old, and are in need of substantial upgrades. I acknowledge there have been concerning structural issues, including collapses, and this work will prevent these risks in the future.

I am pleased to have the assurance of the City Council that the work will improve connectivity between the A259 and other parts of the city for pedestrians and cyclists and support the provision of active travel schemes across the wider area too, linked up in a real network with this vital seafront corridor.

I am also very aware that the arches that are in use already are home to local businesses that support Brighton and Hove's wider visitor economy, and of the way this project will support the regeneration of our seafront as a whole.

In my own constituency, similar regeneration projects at the West Pier arches and of Shelter Hall have transformed these parts of the seafront and resulted in busy and successful retail and hospitality offers for both visitors and residents. Building upon this and creating a full and thriving corridor of active businesses and community life right along the seafront makes clear sense for our city and will be a real gain for our reputation as a brilliant place to visit.

I very much hope that the application from Brighton and Hove City council is successful and that the importance of making this project happen is recognised.

I look forward to working with the Seafront Development Board on this if the funding is rewarded, and on further ideas in future too.

Yours sincerely,

Siân Berry MP
Green Party, Brighton Pavilion

