

Executive Assistant: Helen Newark

Department for Transport  
Great Minster House  
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Support for Brighton & Hove City Council's Structures Fund Application - Kings Road Arches Strengthening - Phases 6 & 7**

On behalf of the Sussex & Brighton Strategic Authority (SBSA), I am pleased to provide our support for Brighton & Hove City Council's application to the Department for Transport Structures Fund for Kings Road Arches (Phases 6 and 7).

The Kings Road Arches are a critical infrastructure asset supporting the A259, a strategically important transport corridor that connects communities, businesses and visitor destinations across Brighton & Hove and the wider Sussex region. This stretch of the A259 carries around 26,000-36,000 vehicles, 30,000 pedestrians and 2,000 cyclists daily. The arches themselves also support a number of businesses, making this a unique structure vital to the local economy and therefore maintaining the resilience and reliability of this route is essential to supporting economic growth, sustainable travel and regional connectivity.

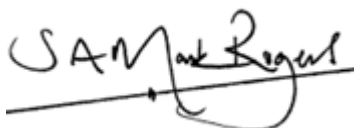
The Strategic Authority recognises the significant progress already achieved through previous phases of the Kings Road Arches renewal programme. Earlier investment has enabled the Council to develop a proven delivery approach for the restoration of this complex coastal structure, while demonstrating the value of sustained intervention in safeguarding this important asset. The proposed Phase 6 and 7 works build directly upon that success, allowing the programme to continue in a coordinated and efficient manner and extending the benefits of previous investment. The cost estimates for the current proposal are based on experience gained from the delivery of Phases 4 and 5, which are currently underway.

The funding sought through this application will help secure the long-term future of the Kings Road Arches and the A259 corridor, reducing the risk of future disruption and ensuring continued access to employment, education, tourism and local businesses. It will also support the ongoing regeneration and vitality of Brighton & Hove's seafront, one of the city's most important economic and cultural assets.

As a Strategic Authority committed to improving connectivity and supporting sustainable economic growth across Sussex and Brighton, we believe this scheme represents an excellent opportunity to protect a vital transport asset while maximising the benefits of previous public investment.

We therefore endorse this application and encourage the Department for Transport to give it favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,



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