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Dear Anna

Re: NET Financial Assistance

Thank you for your letter dated the 22nd May 2014.

As we made clear at our meeting all applications for financial assistance will be considered on their own individual merits. All claims will be considered where it can be demonstrated that the NET works close to their premises have had an adverse impact upon business and a fall in income has occurred as a direct result. This will be consistent with the approach the County and City Councils have taken since the start of the NET works, although not now restricted by the previous geographic boundary. The Councils will continue to employ Bruton Knowles to undertake the financial assessment on an independent basis to ensure a consistent and auditable arrangement is maintained.

Again, as we also made clear at our meeting the County Council will honour its share of all successful applications for financial assistance under this arrangement, even though there has not been since before this current administration took office a separate budget provision for the payment of financial assistance. The Council's section 151 officer has assured me that the County Council will factor this into its Medium Term Financial Plan. Dependant on the scale of financial assistance approved this may adversely impact on future service provision. However, this Council has not set a cap of the level of financial assistance available to successful applications and I will be disappointed if any business is discouraged from contacting us directly to discuss their application.

I trust that clarifies the situation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alan", written over a horizontal line.

COUNCILLOR ALAN RHODES
Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council

cc Councillor Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council