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Cllr Alan Rhodes  
Leader  
Nottinghamshire County Council  
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*Dear Alan,*

**NET Phase Two Tramworks: Financial Assistance Package and Exceptional Hardship Scheme**

I write regarding the above after having met at Loxley House on 21<sup>st</sup> February with Cllr Kevin Greaves and Andy Warrington.

During the meeting there was consensus from the leaders of Nottingham City and Broxtowe Borough Councils that the above compensation schemes for businesses should be extended given the effect of the tramworks on businesses in Beeston and Chilwell.

I believe the County and City councils are agreed on increasing the funds for the Exceptional Hardship Scheme and I would be grateful for your commitment that Nottinghamshire County Council will commit more funds to the scheme as a matter of some urgency.

Cllr Collins has also agreed to extending the geographical boundary of the Financial Assistance Package to enable any business within Beeston and Chilwell which believes their business has been detrimentally affected by the tramworks to submit a claim to the Financial Assistance Package. I appreciate the County Council wished to undertake further work regarding the risk associated with such a scheme and I would be grateful for an update on this.

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I believe it is imperative that the current Package is extended as there are businesses which lie outside of the area but which have undoubtedly seen a downturn in their trade and I think it only fair that their cases are considered also. I trust you will agree with me that we should compensate businesses, something which is above party political matters.

The Exceptional Hardship Scheme has been a real help to businesses and I am hopeful that everyone involved in the tram project can continue to work together as we have done previously in order to ensure that businesses can survive.

I await your response and as you will see, I am sending copies of this letter to the leaders of other political parties as I hope we can all work together.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'AS', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Anna Soubry MP**

cc. Cllr Steve Carr, Cllr Jon Collins, Cllr Kay Cutts, Cllr John Doddy, Cllr Kate Foale, Cllr Richard Jackson, Cllr Milan Radulovic, Cllr Jason Zadrozny