# Darlington Station CPO Proof of Evidence: Ian Stewart – Funding and Delivery



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## Appendix IS2: Letters From Funders Confirming Their Support for the Scheme

# **TVCA Funding Letter**



Ian Stewart Programme Manager Services Group Darlington Borough Council

15/12/2021

Dear lan,

### **Darlington Station Upgrade**

I am writing to confirm the strong support and continued funding commitment from Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) for the major upgrade of Darlington Station.

The scheme is a high priority for TVCA, as highlighted in a variety of key economic and transport strategies, due to the wide range of local and strategic benefits it will deliver.

As an indication of the importance of this upgrade for the whole Tees Valley, in November 2018 the Combined Authority Cabinet approved a £25million contribution from TVCA funding towards the Darlington scheme. This committed funding is from TVCA's Integrated Transport Programme.

In order to ensure that progress is maintained and the scheme is delivered in the required timescales, TVCA is also now proposing that an additional local contribution of up to £8million is made available, should this be required as a contingency. This will be from TVCA's City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS). This is still subject to final agreement from DfT as discussions on the detail of the CRSTS programme are on-going, but this provides further evidence of TVCA's commitment to the delivery of this key scheme.

Yours sincerely,

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# **Department for Transport Funding Letter**



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By e-mail only

Dear lan,

## Darlington Station rail enhancement scheme funding availability

I am writing regarding the Darlington Station rail enhancements scheme, and to provide Darlington Borough Council (DBC) with confirmation of funding availability for the project, to support DBC's progression through a Compulsory Purchase Order process.

Funding for the rail enhancements at Darlington Station will be met from the Rail Network Enhancements Pipeline (RNEP) budget. Schemes within the RNEP progress through decision gateways to secure funding, and in June 2020 the Department confirmed the Government's commitment to the Darlington Station scheme with the approval of £8.7m of funding to progress design work on the project.

In addition to the funds already announced, the Department anticipates that further funding from the RNEP will be made available to deliver the scheme, provided it has the required consents, and continues to provide value for money. We anticipate a further request of funding from Network Rail – to deliver the scheme – will be submitted in early 2022.

Yours sincerely,

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