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Dear Councillor Davis

Dinan Way Extension: Land Acquisition Using Compulsory Purchase Powers

I am writing to ask if you will make a decision in accordance with Paragraph 11 of the County Council's Scheme of Delegation by approving the use of compulsory purchase powers for the land acquisition required to deliver the Dinan Way extension.

The delivery of the Dinan Way extension has been a long term aspiration for Devon County Council for many years. The scheme will complete the missing 830m of carriageway to link Dinan Way with the Major Road Network (A376) and enable the alleviation of traffic from inappropriate local roads. It will deliver a range of benefits to the town, including the reduction of journey times and congestion, improved air quality, improved safety, improved environment for active travel, the opportunity to optimise public transport routing and increased accessibility to north and east Exmouth, including Liverton Business Park. It will also enable the removal of HGV traffic from local roads and will be displaced from Exmouth Community College's locality.

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Following the receipt of planning permission in 2016, the project has been seeking funding in order to deliver the scheme. In January 2023, it was announced that the 'Destination Exmouth' package, which includes Dinan Way extension, was successful in securing £15.7m.

In order to deliver the extension, land acquisition is required. Devon County Council's Cabinet gave approval for the use of compulsory purchase powers in January 2016 ([pdf-PTE-16-2.pdf \(devon.gov.uk\)](#)). Now that funding has been secured via the Levelling Up Fund and the scheme is able to move forward, it is requested that this approval is reconfirmed given it is 7 years since the original decision.

Please find enclosed two copies of the Cabinet Member Decision form, to enable you to formally advise me of your decision and in so doing confirm that the entry in the 'interests' box is accurate or amend it accordingly. I would be pleased if you could advise me of your decision as soon as possible by returning one copy of the decision form in the enclosed pre-paid envelope.

If you require any further information, please contact Hannah Clark by telephoning (01392) 38(3487) or e-mailing (hannah.clark@devon.gov.uk)

In accordance with procedures a copy of this letter has been sent to Councillor Alistair Dewhirst as Chairman of Corporate Infrastructure & Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee and to Councillor Richard Scott and Councillor Jeff Trail, local Members for Exmouth.

No action will be taken until all Members of the County Council have been advised of your decision and five working days have elapsed to enable Members to request that the decision be referred to the full Cabinet for consideration or called in by Corporate Infrastructure and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Yours sincerely



Meg Booth
Director of Climate Change, Environment and Transport

Enclosed: Record of Decision x 2
 Pre-paid envelope