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Dear Mr Grayling,

We are very pleased to enclose the Outline Business Case for the Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing and thank you for the support given to us thus far; in particular the £1.08m from the Department for Transport to develop this vital piece of work.

National support for the scheme to date has been welcomed and applauded. The Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing is strongly supported by all of us, Norfolk County Council, Great Yarmouth Borough Council and New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership has widespread support from the public and business sector, and is one of Norfolk County Council's top infrastructure priorities.

A Third River Crossing is an essential investment for the residents and businesses of Great Yarmouth, who have suffered economic decline and increasing deprivation. Your investment will bring huge economic benefits to not only Great Yarmouth but to Norfolk and the region. It will make Great Yarmouth even more attractive to visitors in support of its vital tourism industry and it provides a direct link to the port and outer harbour from the national trunk road network.

The multi-billion pound offshore energy sector is a significant area of economic growth in Great Yarmouth, with some of the world's largest offshore windfarms being constructed alongside significant decommissioning projects. With improved connections to this energy related Enterprise Zone, inward investment will become a more attractive proposition.

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The evidence within this submission clearly shows that a Great Yarmouth Third River Crossing will reduce congestion, improve transport reliability, decrease journey times, reduce traffic within the historic areas of Great Yarmouth and increase economic vitality of the area. This provides existing and new businesses with confidence, attracting major inward investment, providing essential jobs, and improving the quality of life for people who live and work in the area.

We are confident that there is a strong and robust case for the continuation of vital investment into Great Yarmouth and we await your decision in anticipation.

Yours sincerely,



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