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Dear Michelle,

Thank you for your recent request to meet with me to discuss the potential for a new station at Corsham. Ahead of our meeting, I am pleased to let you know that we will be announcing shortly the second round of the New Stations Fund (NSF).

Unlike in the previous round of the NSF, this round will not require promoters to have reached GRIP Stage 3, also known as Option Selection, by the time of the submission of their funding application. Promoters will still be required to pay for the initial development and feasibility works to progress the project to GRIP Stage 3, however these costs, incurred after the point of acceptance of an application, will be able to be offset against the minimum 25% contribution promoters are required to make.

As with any competed fund, I would encourage all promoters to supply as much evidence as possible to support their application, to provide the Department with the level of assurance it requires and maximise their chances of success.

I very much look forward to seeing the applications that we receive and to announcing the successful projects later in the year.

CLAIRE PERRY