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Dear Mostaque,

Mersey Gateway Bridge Conditional Funding Approval

Thank you for your letter of 19 October 2011, granting Conditional Funding Approval for the Mersey Gateway Bridge Project, subject to funding conditions.

I note this letter supersedes the funding conditions agreed with the Department back in December 2008, as proposed in the letter from John Dowie of 18 November 2008.

Full Council considered the contents of your letter of the 19th at their meeting last night, (the 19th October 2011).

I am delighted to confirm that the Council **unanimously agreed** to the Conditional Funding Approval and funding conditions, as set out in your letter of the 19th.

The funding approval and the Council decision now clears the way for procurement to commence and matters are in hand to advertise the contract opportunity in the Official Journal of the European Union.

We are well placed to deliver the project within the funding limits and will provide you with regular progress reports as requested.

Your clarification, of the information you will require to support our future Final Funding Submission, is appreciated and reflects the Department's aim to scale back the assessment burden at full approval stage.

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I would also like to personally thank you and your colleagues for the support we continue to receive in moving this high priority project forward.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David Parr', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left and then curves back to the right.

David Parr
Chief Executive