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The Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP
Secretary of State
Department for Transport
Great Minster House
33 Horseferry Road
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Dear Patrick

Re: A428/A421 Alliance

Last Friday, over 45 interested parties met, including representatives of 10 councils, to discuss road infrastructure issues in relation to the A428 and A421 corridor and the need for significant improvements to these roads to unlock and sustain continued growth in the East of England.

The meeting was very successful and representatives from Cambridgeshire County Council, Huntingdonshire District Council, South Cambridgeshire District Council, Central Bedfordshire Council, Bedford Borough, Suffolk County Council, Norfolk County Council, Milton Keynes Council, Cambridge City Council, Northamptonshire County Council, Cambridge and South Cambs Chamber of Commerce and the Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership together with Alistair Burt and I agreed to form an alliance to campaign for improvements to the A428 and A421. I enclose a copy of a declaration of intent together with the aims of alliance for your information.

I look forward to meeting with you at your Tea Room surgery on 22 October to discuss this further.

Yours ever

Chairman of the A428/A421 Alliance

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DECLARATION OF INTENT A428/A421 ALLIANCE

We wish to declare ourselves and those we represent as an alliance dedicated to improvements to the A428/A421 corridor, to facilitate and accommodate growth in what is the fastest growing economy in the country. We represent not simply local interests, as areas of growth which must combine development with sustainability and a decent living environment for our citizens, but also express our recognition of the regional and national significance of a key route for the nation's prosperity.

Whilst understanding the pressures on resources, we make clear our intention to urge attention to this corridor as a national priority and commit ourselves to continue working upon this together until such time as our local, regional and national objectives have been addressed.

Mr Jonathan Djanogly MP	Member of Parliament for the Huntingdon Constituency
Mr Alistair Burt MP	Member of Parliament for North East Bedfordshire
Cllr Jason Ablewhite	Executive Leader of Huntingdonshire District Council
Cllr Ian Bates	Cambridgeshire County Council
Cllr James Jamieson	Leader of Central Bedfordshire Council
Mr Neil Darwin	Chief Executive Greater Cambridge Greater Peterborough Enterprise Partnership
Cllr Ray Manning	Leader of South Cambridgeshire District Council
Mayor Dave Hodgson	Mayor of Bedford Borough
Mr Michael Anderson-Brown	Chairman of Cambridge and South Cambs Chamber of Commerce
Mr Peter Grimm	Suffolk County Council
Mr David Cumming	Norfolk County Council
Mr Ishwer Gohil	Milton Keynes Council
Ms Sara Saunders	Cambridge City Council
Mr Andy Mercer	Northamptonshire County Council

A428/A421 ALLIANCE OBJECTIVES

- To build a compelling case for improvements to the route to support economic growth, locally and nationally.
- To work with the Highways Agency to develop a comprehensive improvement package and associated investment plan, which will:
 - Address current capacity constraints.
 - Provide capacity for future growth and prosperity.
 - Improve safety.
 - Improve the reliability of journey times.
- To work together to make the case for improvements to Government.