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Dear Mr Gray & Mr Tagg,

Thank you for your correspondence of the 24/02/2025 addressed to DfT about Kidsgrove Station and the Local Transport Fund allocation for Staffordshire.

The previous government announced investment for several transport capital schemes which were unfunded, and this government has had to make difficult decisions about priorities for infrastructure and transport investment.

The Budget announcement on 30 October confirmed departmental budgets for the rest of this financial year and the financial year 25/26. As you noted in your letter, this included a commitment of over £650m in local transport funding beyond city regions in 25/26 to ensure that transport connections improve in our towns, villages and rural areas as well as in our major cities. This includes funding for transport related Levelling Up Fund Projects. Allocations for individual local authorities will be confirmed by the Secretary of State for 25/26 in due course.

In this instance, as the Local Transport Authority, it is for Staffordshire County Council to decide how to spend any funding it receives from these allocations, and therefore if the funding should be used to progress the Kidsgrove Railway Station project.

Funding for the Department after 2025/26 is subject to a comprehensive Spending Review process that is planned to conclude in June. Local funding options are being considered as part of this review.

Thank you for taking the time to contact the Department regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Local Infrastructure and Strategy Division