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Date: 25 May 2016
Your ref:
Our ref:

CC: Ian Brown, Parish Clerk

Dear Mr Tobbell

Thank you for your letter dated 26 April 2016, addressed to my colleague Cllr Johnson who is currently on holiday, which restated your offer of a personal contribution of £100,000 towards a temporary bridge

As officers have already confirmed to you, such a sum would only ever partially cover the costs of a temporary bridge and I am concerned that any further digression from plans will only delay much needed work.

We are now at a stage where it is essential that we progress all the necessary preliminaries to try to ensure that the scheme can proceed.

There are many statutory processes and legal issues that lie ahead and whilst we have invested in responding and adapting the plans to the concerns that have been raised about this bridge, any further delays could jeopardise any bridge improvements in Finchingfield and thereby force us to revert to the lengthy diversion which we are all now trying to actively avoid.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Bass".

Cllr Rodney Bass
Cabinet Member for Infrastructure