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-----Original Message----- **From:** Denise [mailto:denise.carlo@btinternet.com] **Sent:** 06 February 2011 18:37 **To:** 'Louise t John Howe' **Subject:** Greg Clark letter re Postwick Hub/NDR - please forward to Inspector

Dear Inspector,

Since the close of the Advertised Changes consultation on 4 February, we have come across a letter from the Minister for Housing and Local Government, Greg Clark stamped 21 January 2011, posted on the GNDP web which supports NNTAG's case that Postwick Hub **cannot** be "delivered as a separate scheme" as stated in **JCS RF 117 Policy 20.**

The link to the letter (RF 126) is at:

http://www.gndp.org.uk/content/wp-content/uploads/downloads/2011/02/Responsefrom-CLG-Community-Infrastructure-Fund.pdf

Greg Clark's letter was written in response to the GNDP's letter of 15 November to Eric Pickles (**RF 37**) which requested release of £21m funding earmarked for Postwick Hub once the statutory processes around the side roads order have been completed.

Greg Clark's letter states:

...."In view of the statutory processes involved and the interdependency between the schemes, the Community Infrastructure Fund allocation of £21m made in March 2009 was transferred from DCLG to DfT's major schemes programme to be held against the Postwick Junction schemes pending a final decision on the NNDR. This remains the position.

"In summary therefore the conditional funding award for Postwick still stands but is dependent on the overall case for the NNDR."

The Government's restatement of its recognition of the inter-dependency between the two schemes underlines NNTAG's case that the justification for the Postwick Hub orders cannot be made without justifying a NDR.

As we stated in our response to the Advertised Changes, it is not possible to hold a Postwick Hub orders public inquiry in Summer 2011 and start construction work in Spring 2011 ahead of a NDR planning application in Autumn 2012 and a NDR public inquiry in Summer 2013, notwithstanding a Government decision on NDR funding in late 2011.

If you are minded to accept that this is the case, the Advertised Changes cannot stand - ie deliver Postwick Hub in 2012/13 and NDR in 2016/17 - because the two schemes are inter-dependent and therefore Postwick Hub **cannot** be delivered in advance of a NDR.

Therefore, we respectfully suggest that there is a need to hold a further day's hearing so that an alternative Plan B can be considered.

Yours sincerely, Denise Carlo, NNTAG