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Dear 

Thank you for your further email of 17 January, about the Clevedon Public Realm scheme. The Secretary of State has asked me to reply.

Active Travel England (ATE) will undertake design inspections alongside an annual assessment of local authority performance to determine their ability to deliver active travel infrastructure. Whilst the agency does not hold the power to compel local authorities to make changes to active travel schemes following design review, ATE will record non-compliance on design and safety issues and will work with authorities to resolve them. Design review outcomes will also inform local authority capability assessments, which will have a material impact on future funding for active travel schemes.

ATE also provides support to boost local authority technical capability to deliver active travel schemes and recently announced the Capability Fund, a revenue grant awarded to local transport authorities in England outside of London. The funding also aims to improve the quality and effectiveness of consultation with residents, businesses and other road users to ensure schemes are delivered with local support. More information about this fund can be found at: www.gov.uk/government/news/329-million-to-create-national-network-of-active-travel-experts.

Best wishes,



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