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The Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP  
Secretary of State for Transport  
Great Minster House  
33 Horseferry Road  
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Dear Secretary of State,

### **Arundel to Ford station cycle lane and footpath**

I am pleased to have welcomed the launch today of a report for the Arundel to Ford station foot and cycle pathway, produced by Arundel Town Council Cycling and Walking Group. It is an initiative that has been identified as the biggest priority for Arundel residents and I have been pleased to work with the Arundel Mayor and other local civic leaders in supporting this project.

I commend the project's initial report as the first important step in defining a safe shared-use pathway between Ford and Arundel – a gateway to the South Downs National Park. A copy of the report is enclosed.

The Department for Transport under your leadership is playing a leading role in reducing car emissions, improving the safety of our network, and making walking and cycling the natural choices for shorter journeys or as part of a longer journey.

The delivery of the cycle path will require a multi-agency approach with some combination of West Sussex County Council, Arun District Council, Network Rail and potentially Highways England all working together. I am aware of the £2 billion that the Government has made available for such schemes as well as the ambitious strategy set out in July 2020 in your excellent document '*Gear Change - A bold vision for cycling and walking*'. I hope that this provides the backdrop against which local delivery agencies can now proceed to develop detailed plans to make this scheme a reality.

**Andrew Griffith MP**