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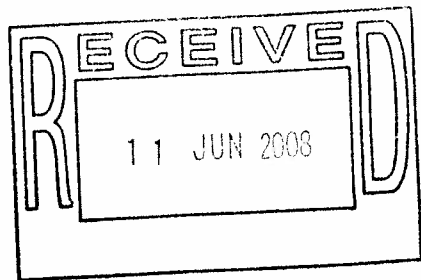
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Dear Phil,

Thank you for your letters of 7 May to John Swinney and myself regarding the upgrading of the A90 cycle path from the Forth Road Bridge into the city centre. I agree that this route requires upgrading and has done so for some time and certainly before the abolition of tolls.

You ask in your letter for assurances that the Scottish Government is willing to invest in this project. Currently we have not set aside any funding for this project as no proposals have been forthcoming. However, I am willing to consider a partnership approach to this project with the City of Edinburgh Council once I have received your proposals, including an outline of the resources required. Following receipt of those proposals, I will ask officials in the Sustainable Transport Team to set up a meeting to discuss how we can take this project forward in partnership.



Kindest regards,  
Stewart

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