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Thank you for your letter of 23 November 2015, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, about investment in walking and cycling.

I am committed to increasing the level of cycling and walking and want to create places which encourage cycling and walking for short journeys or as part of a longer journey. While the Government's role is to create the right policy and funding environment to deliver change, we also look to our partners to support delivery in local communities across England.

At the Spending Review the Government reaffirmed its commitment to cycling and walking by committing to investing over £300 million over the spending review period to 2020. This includes delivering the £114 million Cycle City Ambition scheme in full; a new 'access' fund for sustainable travel and our Road Investment Strategy for 2015-20 which includes plans to improve 200 sections of the road network in England for cyclists. We will also provide 1.3 million children with cycling proficiency training through the Bikeability scheme.

The Government is currently developing the first Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy and will be engaging with interested parties as this work progresses. I plan to publish further details shortly. The full Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy will set out our objectives and activities and the funding available for cycling and walking in England, and is due to be published in 2016.

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