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Dear Mark,

Ref: Transforming Cities Bid

I am writing both to support and state our intent with regards the Transforming Cities bid being made for funding towards initiatives that will have a major beneficial impact on air quality in Sheffield City Region.

First Bus is very proud to be already part of, and hopefully we have been instrumental in the Bus Partnerships across South Yorkshire as well as the biggest Better Bus Area (BBA) in the country. We have strong working relationships with our partners at SYPTE, the South Yorkshire Local Authorities and other operators that have resulted in the delivery of a wide range of initiatives.

First have participated in schemes which involve the retrofit of exhaust after treatment and E-Fan conversions to vehicles and has successfully treated a number of services across Sheffield and Rotherham. First welcome the opportunity to be a part of this current application and are committed to maintaining and monitoring the performance of the buses retrofitted as a part of the Transforming Cities bid. We will work with partners to share this data with DfT to help inform future scheme development.

We are extremely confident that the vehicles put forward as part of this project can be successfully retrofitted to achieve a significant emissions reduction, which will contribute to the aims and aspirations of the Clean Air Zones in Sheffield and Rotherham. First have significant engineering experience in this field and have contacts with several suppliers who can undertake the work within the timescales of this fund.

I look forward to hearing about the outcome of this exciting bid.

Yours sincerely,

Garry Birmingham

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