Appendix B: Draft consultation response

"Dear Sir Peter,

LEICESTER CITY COUNCIL WORKPLACE PARKING BUSINESS CASE PROPOSALS

Following consideration of the above matter at its Cabinet meeting on 29 March, the Leader of Leicestershire County Council has asked me to write to you on his behalf to provide the authority's response to the consultations on the Business Case proposals.

Our two authorities face the common challenge of seeking to provide for the housing, economic and social needs of Leicester and Leicestershire's growing population whilst at the same time seeking to deliver on net-zero requirements.

Leicestershire County Council recognises that the proposal to introduce a Workplace Parking Levy is one aspect of your authority's policy response to this challenge, and that it was included in your election manifesto. The measures that it will help to fund will bring environmental benefits by delivering cleaner transport for the area's residents, including in the County, and more widely in terms of the Government's policies to decarbonise transport.

However, many County Members have concerns about the potential impacts that the Levy's introduction could have, in particular concerns about impacts of displaced parking on their communities and on business and services including the NHS and schools.

So, whilst not raising an objection to the Business Case proposals, this position is contingent on your authority working in partnership with the County Council to fulfil its commitments to:

- (a) establish appropriate data collection and monitoring arrangements in respect of the impacts identified by Local Members and in assessing the benefits of the enhanced passenger transport and cycling and walking measures funded by the Levy;
- (b) develop the Displaced Parking Strategy and establish the Displaced Parking Task Force to provide the platform for identifying and delivering any mitigation measures required to address displaced parking issues, including in the County; and
- (c) where there is evidence of adverse impacts in County areas, to identify appropriate mitigation measures and to implement those measures at no cost to the County Council.

I look forward to your officers contacting me to put in train the above work. Yours, etc."

