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**Re: Letter of Support for Waltham Forest Bid**

Dear Mr. Rowe,

We are delighted to hear that Waltham Forest has been shortlisted for funding to create transformational cycling infrastructure in Walthamstow town centre and other local centres.

Whipps Cross University Hospital, one of the Barts Health NHS Trust hospital sites, sits directly within the borough of Waltham Forest and as such the Trust formally support this bid for a "Mini Holland" programme in Waltham Forest. As well as road safety and air quality benefits, reducing the dominance of traffic and creating better facilities for cyclists and pedestrians will increase opportunities for physical activity, helping to increase healthy life expectancy and reduce morbidity from at least 20 common diseases. There will also be mental and physical benefits deriving from a greener and more pleasant environment, as proposed in the Mini Holland bid.

Whipps Cross Hospital is located on Lea Bridge Road, close to the Whipps Cross roundabout, so we are particularly interested in these elements of the Mini Holland programme. Around 5% of Whipps Cross staff already commute to work by bicycle, but we think improvements to the on-street cycling environment would unlock further demand (particularly among less confident cyclists currently put off by fear of traffic), helping us reduce car journeys to our site, as well as promoting health among our workforce.

Yours Sincerely,



Fiona Daly  
Environmental Manager  
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