

Department for Transport Structures Fund 2026

Derbyshire County Council

Appendix 2 – Letters of Support

- Letter of Support from Amber Valley Borough Council
- Letter of Support from Derbyshire Dales District Council
- Letter of Support from Peak District National Park Authority
- Letter of Support from East Midlands Combined County Authority

Letter sent via email: Paul.Beckett@derbyshire.gov.uk

Paul Beckett
Programme Development Manager
Highways Commissioning
Place
Derbyshire County Council

Our Ref: SG/AT/L005
Your Ref:
Date: 15 July 2026
Ask For: Simon Gladwin
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Dear Paul

DfT's Structures Fund 2026 – A6 Matlock to Whatstandwell

I'm writing to add Amber Valley Borough Council's support to Derbyshire County Council's funding bid for the strengthening and repair works to the retaining walls along the A6 between Matlock and Whatstandwell to enable the A6 to remain resilient.

The Borough Council recognises the importance of this route in the economic prosperity of the county and the role it plays in supporting businesses and tourism in the World Heritage Site.

The lack of availability of any part of the A6 has adverse effects on the surrounding local communities in the Borough with many unsuitable minor roads being used by high levels of traffic in an attempt to mitigate delays to their journeys. This would have the detrimental effects of increased wear-and-tear on existing infrastructure, disturbance, and a reduction in air quality for adjacent communities; and major impacts on the local economy by increased transport costs and delays involved in the lengthy diversion.

I feel that the repair of the retaining walls will ensure that the A6 remains resilient and the local economy will benefit by reduced delay, with the benefit of traffic being routed away from the less suitable roads in the Borough.

Yours sincerely



Simon Gladwin
Chief Executive



Please ask for:
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8th July 2026

Mr. Paul Beckett
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Highways Commissioning
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Paul.Beckett@derbyshire.gov.uk

Dear Paul

DfT Structures Fund 2026 - A6 Matlock to Whatstandwell Historic Retaining Walls - Derbyshire County Council Bid

I am happy to lend support to the County Council's bid as above. The A6 is a critical route which must be kept open now and in future.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'S. A. Capes'.

Steve Capes
Director of Place and Economy

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Your ref:

Our ref: TN/A810

Date: 14th July 2026

Letter sent via e-mail

To whom it may concern

Re: DfT Structures Fund 2026 – A6 Matlock to Whatstandwell

The Peak District National Park is a popular visitor destination for a wide visitor catchment including a number of urban areas to the north, south, east and west. It is estimated, that the National Park attracts 13 million visits lasting 3 hours or more per year, with a similar number lasting less than three hours.

The A6 from Derby offers a key transport route for visitors to the National Park, whilst also allowing residents of the National Park to access jobs and services in the Amber Valley and Derby area. Whilst no longer a trunk route, the A6 forms part of the major road network providing cross-Park links between Derby and Manchester, including our neighbouring market towns of Matlock and Buxton. Any closure of the route would impact on the ability of residents and visitors to access jobs and services in an efficient manner. It would also act to displace journeys onto less suitable routes with the obvious impacts on road safety, air quality, tranquillity and amenity.

The Peak District National Park Authority would therefore like to offer its support to Derbyshire County Council's bid for funds to carry out remedial works along the A6 between Matlock and Whatstandwell. Whilst this section of the A6 lies outside of the National Park boundary, visitors to and residents of the National Park benefit from the efficient operation of this key route.

Yours faithfully



Phil Mulligan
Chief Executive



Date: 31st July 2026

Paul Beckett
Programme Development manager
Highways Commissioning
Place
Derbyshire County Council

RE: A6 Matlock to Whatstandwell

Dear Paul,

I am happy to add EMCCA's support for Derbyshire County Council's bid into the DfT Structures Fund 2026 for the repair of the historic retaining walls in the Derwent Valley Mills World Heritage Site.

These works will keep the A6 resilient and maintain reliable transport links to contribute to the overall economic prosperity of the East Midlands Region. The loss of this section of A6 would have detrimental effects on existing less suitable infrastructure, causing disturbance and a reduction in air quality for adjacent communities and major impacts on the regional economy by increased transport costs, public transport disturbance and less reliable journeys.

The benefits of delivering this investment support the objectives of our emerging mayoral Transport Plan and will provide a range of important outcomes for the people of our region.

Kind Regards



Tom Moody
Director of Transport
EMCCA