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Dear Eilish

BLUE AND GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUND 2022/23

Thank you for your letter of 22 November regarding the DfI Blue and Green Infrastructure Fund 2022/23.

I understand your frustration with the tight deadlines for delivery of projects this financial year but we cannot finalise the allocation of funding under the Blue / Green Infrastructure Fund until business cases submitted by the Council are approved by the Department. We hope to issue Letters of Offer shortly.

In line with public expenditure requirements, Departments cannot carry forward unspent budget into a new financial year, and therefore progressing any alternative funding models or joint investment initiatives would still be limited by this requirement where funding is from central government. The Department would however be willing to work with you on this, within the parameters of public expenditure, should you have identified any possible funding options.

I hope you find this information helpful.

Yours sincerely

JULIE HARRISON