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Dear Mike

**Re: A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton**

Thank you for your letter of 20 October. We appreciate your honest assessment of the realities facing the Department for Transport.

Notwithstanding the economic difficulties facing the country, as we know you appreciate, this comes as a bitter blow for Cambridgeshire. However, we are grateful that the Department for Transport recognise the need for a solution to the problems facing the A14 between Ellington and Fen Ditton.

Whilst we welcome the proposal to conduct a new study, we would be grateful if you could outline the process in further detail and, if possible, answer the following questions;

- Whilst we appreciate that the previous scheme at a cost of £1.4bn was 80% of the overall budget, can you confirm if you anticipate that there will be any finance available from the Department for Transport for a new scheme?
- When do you propose to start the study? And how long is it anticipated that it will take to complete?
- Will the study look at the road in isolation or will it be extended to include a wider remit similar to that of the Cambridge to Huntingdon Multi-Modal Study?

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- What opportunities will there be for local comment, feedback and consultation?
- Given that 10 years and considerable resources and funding have already been invested in the previous scheme, can you assure us that the new study will be a swift and definitive process?

As you can appreciate, the decision to withdraw the scheme has resulted in significant strength of feeling locally and in order to inform the debate, your co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely

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