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Dear Jonathan

I am writing to you to update you on the A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon improvement scheme.

The report on the options consultation carried out last autumn indicated that a preferred route would be announced in early 2014. However, the decision not to toll the A14 was a significant change to the proposals and we want to give the community and other stakeholders every opportunity to contribute to the development of the scheme prior to preparing our Development Consent Order application.

As a result no preferred route announcement will be made until after the statutory pre-application consultation to the development of the scheme prior to preparing our Development Consent Order application. This does not imply that there will be any delay to the scheme delivery process and we remain on programme for a start-of-works date in late 2016.

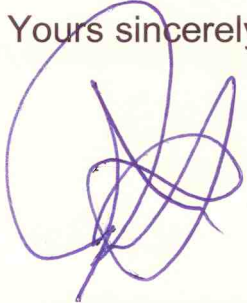
The next stage of the project will be the publication of the Statement of Community Consultation (SoCC) in late March 2014. The statement is prepared in agreement with local authorities, and informs the public and stakeholders about when and how the formal consultation period will take place. The 10-week pre-application consultation is due to start in April 2014.

I will contact you again when the SoCC is published, and will keep you updated on the timetable and plans for the statutory consultation.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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Yours sincerely

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**ROBERT GOODWILL**