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Dear Jonathan,

A14 Cambridge to Huntingdon Improvement Scheme

As you know, the Government is promoting a £1.5 billion scheme to improve a 22 mile section of the A14 trunk road between Huntingdon and Cambridge in order to address problems of congestion on a vital link in the United Kingdom's transportation network.

A public consultation exercise was carried out during September and October to consider route options for the A14 scheme. The consultation also looked at the impact of proposals to introduce road-user tolls on part of the route. The consultation has now been completed, responses have been analysed, and a report will be published later this month.

The principal concerns of business leaders and communities in the Cambridgeshire and East Anglia region have centred on the impact of tolling on local competitiveness and congestion on less-suitable un-tolled alternative routes. The Government has listened to these concerns and has decided, therefore, not to introduce tolls on the A14.

The Government remains committed to beginning construction work on this scheme before the end of 2016 and for the road to be open to traffic by the end of the decade.

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