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Dear Kevin Hollinrake MP,

The A64 Hopgrove scheme was identified in the Government's Road Investment Strategy for development in the current roads period 1 (2015-2020) and for potential delivery in a future roads period. An announcement on whether the scheme will be included in RIS2 is expected by the Department for Transport late in 2019.

As we discussed when we met with you on 7th September 2018, the project team have now undertaken further assessments relating to the volume of traffic that is likely to be drawn onto the new dual carriageway from the surrounding area as a result of increasing capacity. This work was undertaken to ensure the safety of all users of the road, whether in vehicles or otherwise. This work has identified the need for a number of bridges along the route, which impacts the overall scheme cost projections, and this, along with our projection of the benefits of the scheme, provides a benchmark for value for money to the public purse.

This information has been fed back to the Department for Transport, as part of its consideration of the makeup of RIS2, which is expected to be announced in late 2019. As such, there is unlikely to be more we can say about the scheme until then.

Yours sincerely,



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