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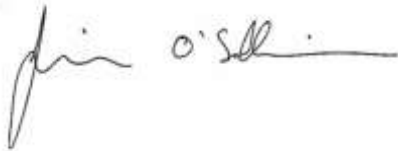
Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for your letter describing the challenges facing your region. I welcome your summary of them and we look forward to working with organisations such as yours as we help government establish its priorities for the Strategic Road Network over the next RIS (2020 – 2025) and beyond. This will consist of a formal process of consultation and a more informal process of engagement.

I have passed your letter to Elliot Shaw, our Strategy and Planning Director, who is responsible for our RIS 2 plan and to Simon Jones, our South East Regional Director who is responsible for the network in your area.

As we are now close to the Government's purdah period I can add very little new information at this time but look forward to your input as our RIS 2 programme develops.

Yours sincerely,



Jim O'Sullivan
Chief Executive