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*Den Russell,*

Thank you for your letter of 22 July about Newtown By Pass and Traffic Issues at the Kerry Road Junction.

The recent SCOOT (Split Cycle Offset Optimisation Technique) recalibration would appear to have improved traffic conditions. Our "before and after" study is almost complete and a draft report will be available later this month. The initial findings of this study indicate that journey times have generally reduced for west bound traffic, whilst they remain unchanged for east bound traffic. We will also consider the benefits, or otherwise, of any new traffic measures.

With regards to progress of the Newtown By Pass we will be appointing our technical advisors this autumn. This will be followed by the appointment of the Design & Build contractor under an Early Contractor Involvement (ECI) form of Contract during the summer of 2012 and subject to the successful completion of the statutory consent procedures and the availability of finance construction is programmed to start in late 2014/early 2015.

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As you note I will be prioritising the objectives of the National Transport Plan over the coming months, and will publish a re-scheduled delivery plan this autumn.

Regards  
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