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Dear Damian

We trust this finds you and your family safe and well in these difficult times.

We are interested to learn that the Government is pledging £5B towards post-pandemic economic recovery through infrastructure of which £100M, which we assume is new money, is dedicated towards road network projects. This seems an opportune time to remind you of your commitment of 9th January 2020 to return to the issue of motorway noise and follow up on the undertaking you extracted from Highways England for the resurfacing of the stretch of M20 between junctions J8 and J9.

After a period of relative quiet from the 50mph speed limit as a result of BROCK and, after its removal, the reduced traffic due to the lock-down, our members are again bemoaning the motorway noise which we anticipate will get worse, not better, as a result of the lorry park/clearance centre being built at J10.

Can you again seek Highways England confirmation that this work is still in their Budget for 2021/22 and that we can expect action next financial year?

Best regards

Tony Bartlett Chair SLRA