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Dear Louise

I'm writing to request a meeting to discuss significant transport concerns in my constituency of East Wiltshire.

The news that the A303 improvements will not be going ahead is deeply disappointing to my constituents, who regularly experience traffic backed up through their towns and villages because of delays around Stonehenge. Road improvements in this area have been needed for years, but have been delayed in anticipation of the tunnel. I would welcome the opportunity to meet to discuss the Government's alternative plan to help communities around the A303 to cope with the volume of traffic the road experiences.

Separately I would like to follow up on my letters to your predecessors regarding the M4 connectivity study. I very much hope that the results of the study can be published as soon as possible so that Wiltshire Council and other agencies can work together to better manage the HGV traffic that is steadily taking over roads that are not designed for this type of traffic. This particularly includes residents who live alongside the A338/A346, between Swindon and Amesbury. This road currently takes an unsustainable volume of heavy goods traffic. In recent years we have suffered the tragedy of the death of a seven year old girl hit by a lorry; multiple accidents - including in June when an HGV plunged off a bridge and into a canal; and near-constant gridlock in our villages. Residents along this road often have to dodge HGVs as they creep onto the pavement and verges when they pass one another.

I look forward to meeting you as soon as possible when Parliament reconvenes, to discuss the immediate improvements needed to roads in East Wiltshire.

With best wishes,

Danny Kruger

MP for the Devizes Constituency