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Dear Sam,

**Recent Cabinet decision Paper G Changes to Highways Maintenance Policy
11th Oct 2011**

I refer to the above cabinet decision which I feel has gone beyond the original decision laid out in the 2010/11 MTFS. I would like scrutiny to review this matter.

Having read through the reports of the Budget & Performance Monitoring Scrutiny Panel (25th January 2010) and the Cabinet (12th October 2010) I believe that proposed (and approved) changes in the response to category 1 defects (as outlined within the Appendix of Paper G on the 11th Oct 2011) go beyond the definition of the service reduction provided in the 2010 MTFS:

“(viii) Responsive Maintenance - £800,000 in 2011/12 rising to £1,850,000 in 2012/13 and to £2,800,000 from 2013/14

Remove the quick response for carriageway repairs such that non emergency work is dealt with through planned maintenance, allowing defects to be dealt with in a more sequential manner.”

It is my view that category 1 defects are by their very definition emergency work in the sense that they pose an “immediate or imminent hazard” therefore the changes agreed on the 11th Oct are a significant departure from my understanding of the approved service reductions in the 2010/11 MTFS. Therefore, I would be grateful if you would treat this letter as a request for the matter to be presented to the Scrutiny Commission for their consideration.

Yours sincerely

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