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Dear Mark

Re: Transport Strategy

Firstly I would like to thank you and your colleagues, along with your counterparts at Stratford District Council, for the part you played in producing the draft transport strategy for the Stratford-upon-Avon area. I was very pleased with the level of public engagement at the consultation's launch on 9th February, and I hope that this continues throughout the consultation period ending on 23rd March.

I very much hope that you are successful in your bid for funding for the strategy from the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership. Nonetheless it has come to my attention that Warwickshire County Council has confirmed it will be between 18 months and 2 years after this funding is received before work to ease congestion will begin.

I was not aware that there would be such a delay and I am very concerned about its length. As you will know, traffic on the Birmingham Road has consistently been ranked amongst the most pressing issues for Stratford's residents. I therefore think that a period of the best part of 2 years for delivery on this is too long and would appreciate an explanation of why work cannot begin earlier.

Yours sincerely

Nadhim Zahawi

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