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Dear Michael Gove

Traffic delays on the A322 junction with the M3

Thank you for your email dated 28 May 2020 regarding an update about the study concerning the A322 junction with the M3.

The completion of the traffic modelling study has been delayed due to the significant decrease in traffic flows since the start of the COVID-19 lockdown period.

Unfortunately, we cannot at this time estimate when those traffic flows are likely to return to normal to allow the modelling exercise to recommence. As stated in our last correspondence dated 13 March (ref 21581104), the outcome of this modelling will help inform the most appropriate solution/s to improve the performance of the junction.

In the interim, we have taken this opportunity to replace the life-expired cabling for the signals on the southbound side of the junction. This will prevent any future signal faults occurring due to intermittent electrical faults. We will keep you informed on the reinstatement of the traffic modelling exercise and provide an update by the 31 August 2020.

If your office would like any further information, please contact our Technology Engineering Manager, Eloise Phillips, who will be pleased to respond. She can be contacted by email at eloise.phillips@highwaysengland.co.uk or by telephone on 07596273270. Our correspondence address is The Cube, 199 Wharfside Street, Birmingham, B1 1RN. Or alternatively contact me or Jim directly.

Yours sincerely



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