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Dear Michael Gove

## Traffic delays on the A322 junction with the M3

Thank you for your email dated 3 September 2020 regarding an update about the study concerning the A322 junction with the M3.

I'm sorry that we did not provide you with an update by 31 August as advised previously.

The completion of the traffic modelling study was delayed due to the significant decrease in traffic flows since the start of the COVID-19 lockdown period. However, we made the decision to commence the study using historic data and this programme of work is due to complete week commencing 16 November 2020.

The replacement of the life-expired cabling for the signals on the southbound side of the junction has been completed.

I have asked the team to keep you informed on the progress of the traffic modelling exercise and provide an update when the assessment is complete.

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 <u>eloise.phillips@highwaysengland.co.uk</u> or by telephone on 07596273270. Alternatively, you are welcome to contact me or Jim directly.

Yours sincerely

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