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Dear Michael Gove

### **M3/A322 Junction improvements**

Thank you for your email of 27 May 2022, requesting an update on the M3/A322 junction traffic light validation exercise.

During the validation exercise we identified some changes to the MOVA (Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation) signal timing for the western side of the junction, which would assist junction performance when HGVs were present.

These changes were required due to the narrow lanes on the junction which can slow HGVs or cause them to straddle lanes. These amendments to the signal timings will provide larger gaps in the traffic flow to improve HGV movement and traffic progression. However, no further amendments were identified which would provide any further improvement.

The validation exercise concluded that it was not possible to make improvements to significantly assist the northbound A322 approach. During a joint site visit with Surrey County Council, we identified faults with the detector loops at the New Road/A322 junction which Surrey County Council resolved in mid-March, and we believe that this has also had a positive impact on the operation of this junction.

If you would like any further information, please contact our Route Manager, Greg Stone, who will be pleased to respond. Greg can be contacted by email at [greg.stone@national.highways.co.uk](mailto:greg.stone@national.highways.co.uk) or by telephone on 07540 101047.

Yours sincerely



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