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Dear Michael Gove

M3 Junction 3/A322 improvements

Thank you for your email of 21 September 2022 with follow up enquiries from my letter of 31 August, concerning M3 Junction 3 / A322 improvements.

I can confirm that we continue to investigate the possibility of improving the traffic signal control by cross-linking the Urban Traffic Control (UTC) to Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA) which could potentially improve through-put especially for the southbound off slip during peak times. We are in the process of procuring and undertaking the investigation and currently anticipate this being complete by the end of November. Our Route Manager, Greg Stone will be in contact to update you on progress on this at the end of November.

Through the planning process we look at the effect local growth may have on the strategic road network (SRN). We collaborate closely with local planners and our own planning colleagues to minimise future effects on the SRN. Planning data has also been provided on expected housing growth and business development through the route strategy process as evidence, which enables us to have a whole route approach.

We cannot guarantee that any of the suggested improvements that are put forward through the route strategy process will be approved by DfT, as suggestions are assessed against all proposals nationally. However, as previously confirmed, this is a location that has been identified for further consideration.

At present we do not have options for this junction to present to you or your constituents, however, should we be successful in obtaining approval for a review of this junction we would be happy to arrange to meet with you to discuss them. In the interim we would encourage your constituents to continue to fully engage with route strategies throughout the consultation

process. We will be happy to arrange a meeting following that consultation period, which is likely to be early next year.

If your office would like any further information, please contact our Route Manager Greg Stone, who will be pleased to respond. He can be contacted by email at greg.stone@nationalhighways.co.uk or by telephone on 07540 101047. Alternatively, our correspondence address is Bridge House, 1 Walnut Tree Close, Guildford, Surrey GU1 4LZ.

Yours sincerely



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