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Dear Michael,

Thank you for your email of 12 February, about improving the closed-circuit television (CCTV) at train stations.

Tackling crime and anti-social behaviour remains, and always will be, a priority for this Government.

South Western Railway (SWR) is continuing to play its part with the introduction of a new video surveillance system/CCTV solution which will address the risks that exist with its current CCTV infrastructure. The new system will play a strategic role in the future management of station operations.

Deploying new leading-edge CCTV solutions at specific sites allows SWR to significantly enhance the overall journey experience for passengers, improve safety and deter inappropriate behaviour. The introduction of 'Internet Protocol' based CCTV camera technologies will dramatically enhance image quality which will help SWR maintain station security levels in line with modern security standards and Government expectations.

Since you were last in contact with SWR on the matter, SWR have now signed the contract with their preferred bidder to begin the works. At this moment, it is too early to be able to inform you on details of the programme. However, my officials would envisage this being available in the next couple of months. As you correctly point out, the programme of works is expected to last 36 months. Bagshot, Camberley and Frimley are among the stations receiving upgrades through this initiative.

SWR will advise stakeholders when the programme of works have started and will provide timely updates on progress.

Thank you again for your correspondence and for raising your concerns with me. I trust that this information is helpful.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Harper". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The first name "Mark" is written with a large, stylized 'M' and 'a', followed by 'r'. The second name "Harper" is written with a large 'H', followed by 'a', 'r', 'p', 'e', and 'r'. The signature is centered on the page.

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