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Dear

Michael,

Thank you for your email of 9 October, about the emergency closure of the footbridge (footpath 184) over the M3 from Bagshot to Lightwater Country Park.

As you will already be aware, National Highways closed the bridge without notice due to safety concerns identified following a structural assessment. National Highways do take the issue of safety for all road users seriously and have acknowledged that they could have communicated the bridge closure better in this instance.

I also understand the importance of the footbridge for residents crossing the M3, and I will be raising this matter with National Highways so that they can look at what they can do to expedite its replacement. I will ask that they share a replacement timeline with your office at the earliest opportunity.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Best wishes,



RICHARD HOLDEN MP

**MINISTER FOR ROADS AND LOCAL TRANSPORT**

P.S. Thank you, as ever, for your tireless work on behalf of Surrey Heath and for raising this matter with me. I will keep holding NH's feet to the fire to get a swift replacement expedited R.