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Dear

Thank you for your email of 8 November requesting information about the recently completed Pinch Point scheme at junction 6 of the A1(M) northbound.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You request details of the traffic flow analysis carried out prior to the scheme being implemented

I confirm that the improvements were modelled using a micro simulation model and the Local Model Validation Report is attached at Annex A.

We also completed an origin and destination survey of traffic movements between Welwyn Garden City and Stevenage. This report is attached at Annex B and includes analysis of the number of vehicles bypassing junction 6 on the local road network (between zones 2 and 3 of the survey as shown on page 3 of the report). Please note that whilst the report is labelled 'draft 4', we consider this to be the final version.

Please also note that some personal information has been redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

In respect of your request for details of the anticipated versus actual reduction in queuing, we do not currently hold this information as post completion surveys have not yet been completed to allow this analysis to be carried out.

The Local Model Validation Report at Annex A also provides details of the traffic queue surveys, traffic counts surveys, automatic number plate recognition (ANPR) and journey time surveys completed. We do not currently hold information about post-completion traffic queue lengths and journey times as post completion surveys have not yet been completed to allow this analysis to be carried out.

We are aware of the issues that you identify in relation to peak period traffic flow at this junction following completion of the scheme. We are now conducting a review of the operation of this junction to determine whether further improvements can be made.

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 730,292 in any future communications.

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