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Dear [REDACTED]

### **M3, Junction 6, Black Dam roundabout**

Thank you for your correspondence of 10 August 2017 on behalf of your constituent [REDACTED] concerning the M3, junction 6 Black Dam roundabout. We always strive to provide a safe and functional network therefore we're sorry to hear of the poor experience [REDACTED] has had and appreciate his desire for a revised layout at the Black Dam roundabout, due to driver safety concerns.

Firstly I'd like to clarify certain points raised within our response of 24 May and apologise for any misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the content.

My colleague [REDACTED] mentioned both the Stage 4 Road Safety Audit (RSA4) and Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE) within the response of 24 May. Further to this information, I'd like to advise that the required post-opening accident data related to the Black Dam Roundabout will not be available to us until September 2017 at the earliest. We will then be in a position to collate the data received and we anticipate the completion of both the Stage 4 Road Safety Audit (RSA4) and Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE) in early 2018.

I would however like to highlight that changes have been made whereby the traffic signals have had slight changes to the horizontal louvers (blinds), as some drivers were complaining about the visibility. From the 17 October 2016 the traffic signal timings were altered to allow better progression and since then, the operating system has changed to Microprocessor Optimised Vehicle Actuation (MOVA).

MOVA is a system designed to maximise the operational efficiency of the traffic management at junctions. It adjusts the green traffic light time needed on each approach to a junction by evaluating the number of vehicles approaching the signals, and at the same time determines the impact that any queuing vehicles would have on the overall operation of the junction. This means that MOVA gives priority to approaches based on demand, rather than constant priority to any specific route. This helps reduce queuing and delays for all users and has proven to be beneficial as we have received positive feedback.

In regards to drivers jumping red lights, all motorists are expected to abide by the law but we accept that there will always be people who choose not to. We'll continue to work together with the local enforcement authority to enforce traffic laws but ultimately this is an enforcement issue and in Basingstoke this is managed by Hampshire Constabulary. If you require further information on how they are monitoring this aspect of their duties, you may wish to approach Hampshire Constabulary via the following website link:

- <https://www.hampshire.police.uk/>

We hope that both you and [REDACTED] have found this helpful and reassuring. Please note road users safety is of high priority to us and we are continuing to monitor and assess the operation of the Black Dam junction, in order to ensure a well-functioning operation.

Once again, thank you for your letter. If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] our Network Steward for this area. [REDACTED] can be contacted by email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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Operations Director