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Upgrading Gallows Corner

I am writing to you to urge you to ensure that Transport for London follows through with improvements to the Gallows Corner flyover.

The Gallows Corner flyover, in my constituency of Romford, is one of the most dangerous junctions in the country. Just last month, on the 11th of September, a motorist sadly lost their life in an accident at Gallows Corner.

Gallows Corner also suffers from severe congestion. This is the case even at normal times, however, in recent days sewer works have caused chaos in the area. My constituents and others in the London Borough of Havering have been complaining of tailbacks in all directions with motorists being advised to avoid the area. For minor works to cause such problems is indicative of the desperate need to upgrade the flyover.

The flyover, as you will know, was built fifty years ago, and was supposed to be a temporary solution to problems of congestion and road capacity. Recognising this, the government listed shortlisted Gallows Corner for potential improvements, allowing TfL to bid for up to £50 million in funding. Despite plans to put in a final proposal for this funding in January, such a proposal has never been submitted. Reports now indicate that TfL is considering scrapping the upgrade.

Abandoning vital infrastructure projects will only compound the economic damage already done by the pandemic. I, therefore, urge you to take personal charge of this issue by sorting out TfL's finances and ensuring that the necessary upgrades to Gallows Corner can be completed.

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Yours ever.

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