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Dear Rishi

Fixing Gallows Corner as part of the Spending Review

Firstly, can I congratulate you for a successful 20 months as Chancellor of the Exchequer. You took over the role on the brink of a pandemic which placed previously unimaginable strain on the U.K. economy, necessitating immediate and significant intervention from Government.

Because of the successful implementation of the furlough scheme and the many other economic schemes you implemented, the economy has recovered remarkably quickly. It is now virtually back to pre-pandemic levels and unemployment has fallen to just 4.5%.

Now that we move beyond the pandemic, it is vital that we fulfil our commitment made in 2019 to level up "every part of the UK." Nowhere in my constituency needs levelling up more than the Gallows Corner junction, which currently consists of a roundabout and a flyover.

This has become one of the most dangerous junctions in the region. It is also very congested. While problems with the roundabout can be solved through other means, such as speed cameras, the flyover needs replacing urgently. It was built over fifty years ago and was intended to be temporary.

Yet fifty years on it still remains in place. In October 2018 it was shortlisted for £50 million government funding by the then Transport Secretary Chris Grayling. However, to unlock the funding required TfL to submit a strong business case.

I am deeply sceptical about TfL's ability to carry this out. Recent reports suggest that TfL only intend on replacing the flyover with a like-for-like, rather than a Y-shaped flyover linking the A12 and A127. I write to you therefore to urge you, as part of the spending review, to go over TfL's heads to ensure that Gallows Corner can receive the money it needs. Work should start imminently on a proper replacement which does not just copy the current, failing model.

We met earlier this year to discuss this issue and I found you very receptive. As I'm sure you know we have also made a formal submission to previous budget

I look forward to your response.

Yours ever,

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