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Dear Mark

Re-direction of HS2 Funding: Upgrading Gallows Corner, Romford, Essex

I am writing to express my sincere support for the Prime Minister's decision to cancel the Birmingham-Manchester leg of HS2. This has made funding available for more advantageous, financially viable projects which will benefit local people all over the U.K.

I have previously written to you in regard to the temporary structure, built in 1970, which acts as a connection between local roads and the A12 and A127- the Gallows Corner junction and flyover. This structure has served the people of my constituency and the surrounding areas for over 50 years- far outlasting its intended life.

It is well-known as one of the most dangerous sections of road in the South-East, with major congestion and safety concerns. There have been multiple occasions in which motorists have tragically lost their lives, and there must now urgently be funding put in place to replace this outdated structure.

Indeed, TfL have formerly cautioned that it will likely be necessary to close the existing model in 2025. This decision, without a replacement structure in the works, would be catastrophic for my constituents, and those in the neighbouring areas of Essex.

Whilst TfL is still within the process of bidding for the £50 million of funding towards replacing Gallows Corner, its aims have now slimmed to become those of refurbishment, in place of a full replacement, which would give the people of Havering the best and safest outcome.

In lieu of this, I am imploring with you to allocate an area of the £1 billion of funding available to road schemes to the replacement of Gallows Corner. This would benefit Havering and Essex massively, both economically, and in regard to the safety of local people.

I look forward to hearing your response and as M.P. for the area, I request that my full support for this funding be taken into account when consideration is given to this important decision, by the Department for Transport.

Yours sincerely,

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