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8 July 2022

Mr Terence Herbert
Chief Executive
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
TROWBRIDGE BA14 8JN

Dear Mr Herbert

I note the proposal to spend £27 million more on J17 and your Major Highways Projects' call for views.

I would be grateful for your recognition of the increased traffic likely to result along the already stressed A350 from an upgrade of this scale to the junction. In particular, I seek your assurance that the J17 plan will be discussed with the Department for Transport north-south study team which is expected to report in September. It will add further weight to the argument, already exceptionally strong, for a Westbury bypass.

I am, in the meantime, seeking a meeting with the roads minister in advance of the north-south study concluding and would value a briefing note from the council as highways authority.

Thank you for your help.

Yours sincerely

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