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Dear Mayor Khan,

Firstly, I must congratulate you upon your recent re-election as the Mayor of London. While there are of course issues upon which we disagree, I do wish you well for the mayoralty and trust that you will use this third term to be a Mayor for all London, including outer-London boroughs like Havering who have often felt forgotten in recent years.

As you will be aware, the 'temporary' flyover at the Gallows Corner roundabout is rapidly approaching the end of its usable life and, since my election in 2017, I have been campaigning for its refurbishment or replacement. In 2018 we received a significant boost when the Government included the junction within a shortlist of just five projects that could bid for up to £50m in Department for Transport funding via the Major Roads Programme.

Since then, progress has been slow and Transport for London have since downgraded their ambitions for the project from a full replacement of the structure to a comprehensive refurbishment which is now being proposed. However, I was very pleased to have received the enclosed letter from the Minister for Roads and Local Transport, Guy Opperman, confirming that the Department for Transport has awarded Outline Business Case approval for these vital works and earmarked £57.3 million towards the project, out of a total £67.373 million estimated cost.

The Minister confirms that it now falls to TfL to complete legal and procurement processes before submitting the full business case for approval. TfL had previously advised me that they estimated that, without refurbishment, they may have to close the flyover as soon as next year, a situation that would have disastrous impacts upon local journeys alongside significant delays on both the A12 and A127, major arterial roads into London. Given this, I would be grateful if you would be able to confirm that the project is being advanced as an absolute priority and that TfL will certainly provide the outstanding finance required, only 15% of the total, to complete it.

With best wishes,

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