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**To:** [REDACTED], [REDACTED]

**Subject:** The A1 North of Morpeth

Sir,

I am writing to you to tell you how utterly disappointed I am at the deferral of the decision to dual the A1 North of Morpeth (in Northumberland) yet again.

I first moved to the area some 33 years ago when I married my RAF Search and Rescue Pilot husband. He was serving Our Queen and country defending our shores, protecting and rescuing injured military personnel and civilians. I have been proud to stand beside him wherever he has been posted. I have been a lifelong Conservative voter however that may now change.

However, we have now returned to our beloved North East to retire after postings throughout the UK and overseas. Thus seeing first hand the difference in the way Counties are treated.

During this time (and way back in history) there has been talk of dualing this section of the A1. After many consultations, excavations, scientific research and compulsory house purchases this decision has been deferred yet again.

How much money has been spent and wasted on the numerous research projects?

How many people have been inconvenienced during these excavations?

Who has profited from the waste of time and consultations?

How many more life changing accidents must there be?

It truly is a disgrace. One only needs to venture north of Newcastle to witness the injustice of it all. (Newcastle/Gateshead is getting its second upgrade in 10 years, a job which should have been done properly in the first place! I know that because I was travelling the road [REDACTED])

People who live in Northumberland travel to Newcastle and Edinburgh for work, a journey which is becoming more difficult and time consuming as the years progress. (We have had an influx of people moving to the country for a better way of life, yet still travel to the City.) Our businesses need people/visitors in order to survive, we need the road network to reflect the increase in traffic that we have.

Since the Lockdowns and Covid, tourists are now invading our beautiful County. This is leading to gridlock much of the time. There is an increase in RTC's and the Emergency services are being put in difficult situations due to the extra workload. The many Crossing Points contribute to the increase in RTC's.

What gives the politicians the right to say and decide who should be given safe passage on our roads. It seems that those of us choosing to live here are being penalised for doing so.

I don't want a reply like the one I had from Grant Shapps Aid (he couldn't be bothered to reply in himself) giving my more waffle.

Don't get me started on the money wasted on the HS2 project. I don't even count Manchester as North!! Again, we are deemed less valuable/important. We pay our taxes too and vote for those who will do the best for us. I will not be Voting for Ms Trevelyan again as she has broken her promise to help her constituents.

Sorry for the rant, but I feel very strongly about the situation.

Regards  
Ann Lings

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