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Dear Secretary of State,

I am a registered interested party, responding to your letter dated 8 November, in which you delayed your decision on the dualling project.

I am disappointed by the delay. Whilst there are some legitimate questions to be answered, it seems that the outstanding issues could and should be resolved as the project unfolds. There is nothing to stop you giving a green light to the existing plans, which are probably the best that can be expected at this stage, whilst leaving room for more detailed shaping and solutions downstream. Of course, there will be plenty more issues emerging throughout delivery which must be addressed properly at the time. I am sure your authority can make provision for that.

A further concern is that some of the questions which seem to be holding up the process are being raised by parties opposed to the project, in attempts to deliberately prevaricate. Those obstacles must be dealt with, but should not be allowed to hold you up.

So, I share the view of most of my immediate neighbours that the job needs to start as soon as possible. We need to get through the pain of construction and enjoy the future benefits of the project without further delay.

Yours sincerely,

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