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Dear Kevin,

Thank you for your joint letter of 25 April alongside Parliamentary colleagues regarding the dualling of the A64 between Hopgrove Junction and Barton-le-Willows in North Yorkshire.

Officials in the Department regularly engage with York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, as the transport authority for the region, on a range of transport priorities including improvements to the A64. I recognise the strength of local feeling toward the delivery of these proposals, the strategic nature of the route serving businesses and communities between York and Scarborough, and the role it plays in supporting the wider regional transport network.

As I have noted previously, this scheme forms part of the pipeline of projects being developed for possible delivery in a future Road Investment Strategy. Schemes in the RIS Pipeline are uncommitted, and we will need to take decisions on those which are the most viable for delivery. Scheme development work by National Highways has highlighted affordability and consenting issues with proposed options, and these issues will need to be taken into account in considering next steps. The Department expects to reconfirm those schemes that remain in the Pipeline and will continue to be developed during the next period when RIS3 is published early next year, with the scope and ambition of investment in the period being determined by the ongoing Spending Review. In practice, most Pipeline schemes will not begin construction until RIS4, beyond 2030.

Thank you once again for writing to me on this important matter.

Best wishes,

LILIAN GREENWOOD MP
MINISTER FOR THE FUTURE OF ROADS