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Dear Helen,

As you will have heard in the Chancellor's Autumn Statement to the House, funding of up to £250 million was committed for new permanent lorry park in Kent to alleviate the impacts of Operation Stack.

After many years of disruption for your communities and businesses, I am delighted to be the Roads Minister as the Government has prioritised investment to solve this national problem that manifests itself in Kent. As the Prime Minister said in the House on 4 November, he understands the pressures and 'will do everything we can to relieve them'. I will make sure that we follow through on this.

My expectations are to see a lorry park delivered as quickly as possible and I will be urging Highways England to do so. I will keep a close watch on progress via my monthly meetings with their Chief Executive and I will keep you updated by regular discussions in the House and through my officials.

This is positive news for Kent and thank you for all your contributions that have helped achieve this outcome and I look forward to visiting the site as construction gets underway.

Yours,

Andrew

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