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### **A417 Missing Link update**

I hope that you are safe and well.

I am writing to update you regarding the A417 Missing Link scheme.

As you will be aware, following our consultation last autumn we've been analysing and considering feedback to help us shape a scheme that is the best possible fit with the landscape, local people and road users. We're using the feedback from the public consultation held last autumn to inform further design and development work on some elements of the scheme. These include:

- The gradient of the A417 as it climbs Crickley Hill
- Green bridge – the concept of the green bridge and its location in the landscape
- Barrow Wake – improvements to the route to Birdlip
- Safe connectivity for walking, cycling and horse riding at Shab Hill junction, and between Brockworth and Crickley Hill
- Cowley junction – vehicle access issues to Cowley village

As a result of this work we need some additional time before we submit our Development Consent Order (DCO) application, which we now anticipate doing in 2021. We're hoping that some of these changes will reduce the construction period, meaning less disruption for people using the road during that time.

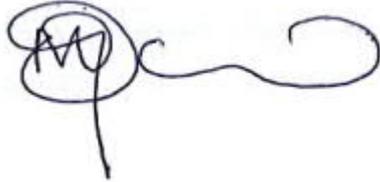
We'll shortly be making the change to the DCO submission date public through a press release and website update.

Please be assured that Highways England and the government remain committed to delivering the A417 Missing Link scheme. Funding for the scheme was confirmed in the government's Road Investment Strategy 2 (RIS2) announcement earlier this year and in the Chancellor's budget announcement.

We'll continue to engage with our stakeholders, local communities and customers as we refine the details of the design. In the meantime, if you have any questions about

the detail of the programme change or other questions regarding the scheme, please contact me at [A417MissingLinkatAirBalloon@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A417MissingLinkatAirBalloon@highwaysengland.co.uk).

With best wishes,



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