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Dear Mr Dobson

A69 Warwick Bridge

Thank you for your email of 28 February 2022 to Michael Morgan, following my response of 17 February 2022, regarding road safety on the A69 at Warwick Bridge.

I am sorry to hear that a young girl was involved in a road traffic incident when crossing the A69 at Corby Hill cross roads. I am pleased to note that the girl involved was not seriously injured and I hope that she makes a quick recovery.

Thank you for taking the time to meet with our regional team on 21 February to discuss the concerns you raised in your letter. At the meeting, the team discussed both your concerns and requests regarding safety at Warwick Bridge. As well as discussing some of the improvements we have undertaken in the last few years, it was also confirmed that we have instructed an updated Route Safety Action Plan to be carried out. This plan looks at the incidents across the route and highlights where incident hotspots and areas of interest are situated. This study, which will be completed by May 2022, will be used as the basis for identifying further opportunities for safety improvement works. It was agreed that we would arrange to meet with you again in June this year, when we have the results of the study, to discuss what potential improvements may be possible.

We also discussed the potential detrunking of the A69 and confirmed that we were reviewing the detrunking / trunking options with the Department for Transport and Cumbria Council as part of our future development. It is recognised that this issue will not be resolved until after the end of the existing DBFO contract which is 31 March 2026.

Since the meeting we have also instructed our contractor to undertake a study looking at how the footpaths and crossing points on the A69 through Corby and Warwick Bridge could be improved for all non-motorised users. We are looking to tie this in with the Safety Study to discuss them both at the next meeting in June.

In addition, we have arranged to meet with Cumbria Police and Cumbria County Council this month to discuss road safety on the A69. These incidents and the issues you have raised will form part of these discussions. We are also looking to engage with Warwick Bridge Primary School and other local community groups to listen to their concerns and discuss road safety, particularly on the A69.

We do take your concerns seriously and will be in touch to arrange the meeting to discuss the next steps as soon as we have completed our studies. In the meantime, if you have any further questions please contact Michael Morgan who will be pleased to assist. Michael can be contacted by email at michael.morgan@highwaysengland.co.uk or by telephone on 07740 513186.

Yours sincerely



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