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Dear Layla

NETWORK RAIL: BOTLEY ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

Thank you for your email dated 26 August 2026, in which you raised concerns about the Network Rail Botley Road Enhancement Programme. You highlight in particular delays to the programme, increases in cost since it began in April 2023 and the impact on local businesses. In your letter you ask whether these matters could inform the work of the National Audit Office, focusing on infrastructure delivery, programme governance, and value for money and accountability in the transport sector.

I have asked the director responsible for our value for money work on transport, Jenny George, to request more information from the Department for Transport and Network Rail about this programme. Once I have been able to consider her advice, I will write to you again to explain my next steps.

Thank you again for getting in touch.

Yours sincerely

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