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Dear Layla,

Thank you for your letter following the recent announcement that Botley Road would not open later this month, as previously planned, after the discovery of gas leaks on SGN infrastructure.

We're very sorry for this further delay and recognise how deeply disappointing a development it will be for residents, businesses and everyone who relies on Botley Road. We understand why people are asking questions about what has happened, and they deserve clear answers.

I know you've also written to Marcus Jones (copied in) since the announcement and he's explained the circumstances behind the delay, so I won't address them again. I will though reaffirm that it is our absolute priority to reopen the road on 20 September and Marcus and his team are focussed on achieving that, working alongside SGN and other partners.

As you'll know, we hold overall responsibility for delivery of the project and accountability sits with Marcus. I understand Marcus has requested a meeting with you to discuss all the concerns you've raised. Marcus' team will continue to be in contact to arrange a convenient time for this meeting.

We appreciate the continued patience of the community in West Oxford and Marcus and his team will be in touch very soon.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J Westlake', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jeremy Westlake
Chief Executive
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cc: Marcus Jones, Great Western Route Director, Network Rail Infrastructure Ltd