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Dear Layla,

Thank you for your email of 22 July to the Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP, Secretary of State about the further delay to the reopening of Botley Road in Oxford. The Transport Secretary has asked me to reply.

I know this is an issue you have raised previously and I sympathise with the frustrations that you are expressing on behalf of the residents and local businesses impacted by this further delay; we all find this very disappointing.

Network Rail has confirmed that the road will now reopen on 20 September. I understand that, whilst your office has been briefed already, Marcus Jones, Route Managing Director of Network Rail, is very keen to meet with you personally to provide a fuller explanation.

Once again, I can only apologise to you and the residents and local businesses affected by this ongoing delay. Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely,

Peter, Lord Hendy of Richmond Hill

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