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[By email only]

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to update you on the M56 New Junction 11a scheme and to inform you of our intention to retract our Notification of Development for the New Junction 11a.

In March, the Department for Transport announced the second Road Investment Strategy (RIS2) for 2020 – 2025 which confirmed the scheme would not be part of the five-year plan and will not be progressed further.

Our assessments suggested the scheme would not provide value for money because of improved traffic flows due to recent improvements to the roundabout at junctions 12 for the Mersey Gateway Bridge. Further investigations concluded that the benefit to cost ratio of a new junction could not be improved.

Although the scheme will not be progressing, we will continue with work to replace the A533 Expressway Bridge, with work set to start later in the year and completion in 2022. A new Notification of Development has been submitted for the A533 Expressway Bridge replacement.

The bridge is a vital local link that provides access across the m56 to Runcorn from Preston Brook and Northwich. It needs to be replaced to ensure this link is safe, maintained and future proofed for the many motorists who use it.

If you have any questions about this of the A533 Expressway Bridge replacement, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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