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The Rt Hon Heidi Alexander MP
Secretary of State for Transport

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Dear Secretary of State

I am writing regarding the Government's proposal to fund elements of the Defence Investment Plan by cutting capital spending in different departments including yours.

The Treasury and the Ministry of Defence have said the "*DfT will provide savings of up to £700m from its roads funding*", which will include the cancellation of planned infrastructure projects.

With little more information and only vague descriptions of likely criteria, this has created uncertainty in Suffolk about whether important infrastructure projects will be delayed again or scrapped altogether. In particular, can you confirm your commitment to the upgrade to the A11 Fiveways roundabout?

And can you confirm that these cuts will not apply to rail infrastructure? We need the Ely and Haughley junctions to be upgraded, and we need better rail links between Cambridge and West Suffolk – including a dualled line to Newmarket and a new line to Haverhill.

Yours sincerely,

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