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Dear Lilian

I am writing to ask for an update on the capital roads project: Blue Bell Hill in my constituency. I am concerned that the project is in jeopardy because of rising costs due to delay and funding withdrawal by the Department for Transport.

Under the last government, the project was to be funded through re-purposed money from the northern leg of HS2. But I have seen media coverage stating that due to delay, the cost of the project has increased by almost 25% to £250 million and that the Department will only fund 85% of the project.

I would like to know how much funding the Department for Transport plans to provide for road improvements at Blue Bell Hill, and a time frame for when local people can expect work for the project to begin.

With best wishes

Helen Whately MP
Member of Parliament for Faversham and Mid Kent