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Dear Doug,

I am writing on behalf of my constituents to ask for an update on work to expand queuing space at the Port of Dover, and to offer my support.

As you know, Operation Brock continues to cause significant disruption for families and businesses across my constituency. When it is deployed, local businesses lose trade, families face long delays getting to work or appointments, and HGVs divert through nearby villages instead of queuing on the motorway – shaking houses and damaging roads in the process.

I understand that the Port of Dover has been developing plans to repurpose unused land to improve flow through the port and increase HGV queuing capacity. This would reduce reliance on the Traffic Access Protocol (TAP) and as a result, Operation Brock.

I would be very grateful if you could provide me with an update on this work and when you anticipate the extra capacity will be available. If there are any obstacles delaying progress, please let me know. I would be delighted to support you however I can.

Thank you, and I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

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