## Sheryll Murray MP

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Our Ref: ZA44870



## Re: A38 Carkeel Roundabout

Thank you for the response to my letter concerning future work for the Carkeel Roundabout dated 13 September 2019 and signed by Rebecca Edmund, Head of Planning and Development.

I notice that the letter mentions work is due to commence, with regard to maintenance of the Tamar Bridge, in September 2019 which is likely to take approximately 5 months. It continues to say that Highways England have been advised by Cornwall Council that modification works to Carkeel Junction could start at the end of 2019 depending on availability of road space and minimising the impact of maintenance work on the bridge.

I cannot see why these two works could not be commenced at the same time, and would appreciate your confirmation, as to whether this is wholly due to the availability of physical construction equipment and Cornwall Council have prioritised the maintenance work on the Tamar Bridge above the Carkeel Junction.

I am sure that you appreciate that many of my constituents who use the A388, which is the road that falls under the Local Highways Authority (being Cornwall Council), are being inconvenienced despite the fact that they do not use the Tamar Bridge and I would ask that you continue a dialogue with Cornwall Council to urge them to prioritise the Carkeel Roundabout as this has the greatest impact on my constituents who are using both the A38 and A388.

I would like to take to opportunity to remind you that Cornwall Council did in fact request the delay of the footbridge a few years ago pending their part of the work to Carkeel Roundabout and sadly the time limit that they estimated overran by approximately 2 years.

I would like to thank Highways England for listening to my request at that time that the footbridge

was put in place prior to this delay as Cornwall Council do appear to have a history of overrunning their estimated timescale on a considerable basis.

I would also point out that further work to improve the Gilston Road junction which serves the new retail park is dependent on seeing how an improved Carkeel Roundabout impacts upon this junction.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards

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Dear Mrs Murray,

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## A38 Carkeel Roundabout

Thank you for your letter of 29 August 2019 to Ed Halford regarding the progress of the upcoming works at Carkeel Roundabout.

In line with the meeting between yourself, Ed Halford and Kat Liddington in Westminster on 17 July 2019, and my letter of 19 August 2019, we are continuing to work with Cornwall Council to ensure the junction improvements are completed to a safe and satisfactory standard.

In accordance with the Section 6 agreement (Highways Act 1980) between Cornwall Council and Highways England the design and construction of the recent works at Carkeel Roundabout was undertaken by Cornwall Council. Under that agreement, the management of the A38/A388 Carkeel junction remains with Cornwall Council.

We have recently been made aware by the Tamar Bridge and Torpoint Ferry Company Joint Committee that maintenance works on Tamar Bridge have been scheduled to commence in September 2019 with a likely duration of 5 months. This may impact the works at Carkeel Roundabout. We have been advised by Cornwall Council that modification works to Carkeel junction could start towards the end of 2019 depending on availability of road space (and minimising the impact of maintenance works on the bridge).

Should you have any further queries in relation to the timescales of the adjustment works at Carkeel roundabout, please contact Vicky Fraser at Cornwall Council for her consideration and response.



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For any other matters regarding the A38, please contact the Route Manager, Ed Halford who will be pleased to respond. He can be contacted by email at <a href="mailto:ed.halford@highwaysengland.co.uk">ed.halford@highwaysengland.co.uk</a> or by telephone on 0300 470 4722. Alternatively, the correspondence address is Ash House, Falcon Road, Sowton Ind. Estate, Exeter, EX2 7LB.

Yours sincerely

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