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**RE: UNIVERSAL DUTY TO GIVE WAY.**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of cycling safety.

The number of cyclists killed on our roads fell to its lowest level on record in 2015. However, we can never be complacent. I have been assured that Ministers remain fully committed to creating a safe environment for all road users, and in particular, vulnerable road users such as cyclists and pedestrians. Sections 204 – 225 of the *Highway Code* aim to educate and remind drivers of the needs of more vulnerable road users, including both cyclists and pedestrians.

A revised *Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions* (TSRGD) came into force in April 2016, which contains a number of measures designed to improve the safety of cyclists on the road, including low level cycle signals, a new type of crossing and changes to advanced stop lines. TSRGD also includes changes that make it easier for local authorities to introduce 20mph speed limits in residential areas.

The Department for Transport is also working on wider cyclist safety in other ways, including changes to vehicle design, publicity, and campaigns, as well as mandatory training for HGV drivers and optional training for cyclists.

I understand that the Department for Transport is looking at the issues raised in the *Turning the Corner* campaign, and that they are currently determining the best way forward.

Once again, thank you for having taken the time to contact me and if I can ever be of any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*With best wishes,*

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