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*New Constituent,*

**RE: CYCLE SAFETY REVIEW.**

Thank you for contacting me recently about the *Cycle Safety* review; your comments upon which I read with great interest.

While the UK has some of the safest roads in the world, the Department for Transport is always looking at ways to make them safer. That is why it is undertaking a *Cycle Safety* review, which will seek to improve all elements of cycle safety.

I am aware the Government has already considered the sentencing framework for dangerous driving behaviour. The Ministry of Justice has confirmed proposals to increase the maximum penalty for the offences of causing death by dangerous driving and causing death by careless driving, while under the influence of drink or drugs, from 14 years to life. A new offence of causing serious injury by careless driving has also been proposed.

I understand the Government will bring forward these proposals for changes in the law as soon as parliamentary time allows. Any proposals arising from the Department for Transport's *Cycle Safety* review will also be taken into account.

The Department for Transport recently carried out a consultation on dangerous or careless cycling behaviour. I understand this has raised issues in relation to the law on driving behaviour, and the need for a wider review of driving offences. The consultation has now closed and the responses are being analysed.

On top of this, a review of the *Highway Code* was recently announced. This is set to review guidance on how road users should behave in relation to cyclists and pedestrians, as part of its ambition to drive down unnecessary deaths.

More broadly, as part of the first statutory *Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy* the Department for Transport is working hard to double cycling activity by 2025, and each year reduce the rate of cyclists killed or seriously injured on English roads.

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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