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HOUSE OF COMMONS  
LONDON SW1A 0AA

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*Dear Anthony,*

**RE: CYCLING AND WALKING**

Thank you for your recent correspondence in respect of your concerns regarding cycling and walking. I have read your comments with interest.

As well as being greener, active travel helps to reduce pressures on public transport and the road network. Active travel is estimated to bring a £36.5 billion boost to the economy per year, due to the increased high street spending and better access to employment it provides.

The Government invested over £850 million in active travel between 2020/21 and 2022/23. It has also committed to spending at least a further £100 million of capital into active travel over the remainder of the spending period, as part of a £3 billion investment in active travel over the course of this parliament.

Announced in February, and with successful bids allocated in May 2023, £200 million of Government funding is being invested in cycling and walking schemes to enhance rural connections, create 120 miles of cycling track, and see 130 more schemes to help over 35,000 children on their way to school. These schemes are expected to generate up to 16 million more walking and cycling trips a year across the country.

Further, the newest version of the *Highway Code* introduces a 'hierarchy of road users', a concept whereby the road users able to do the greatest harm are bestowed the greatest responsibility to reduce the danger or threat they may pose to other road users. The hierarchy is designed to bring about a more mutually respectful and considerate culture of safe and effective road use that benefits all users. At the top of the hierarchy is pedestrians (in particular children), older adults and disabled people, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists.

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,*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tom Pursglove'.

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