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Dear Cabinet Secretary,

A483 Llandeilo Bypass and WeITAG

You will have recently received my correspondence, dated 18 December 2017, in which I seek clarification on the apparent delays to the Llandeilo bypass project – a scheme agreed between Plaid Cymru and the Welsh Government during the 2016/17 Budget negotiations.

Following the publication of the Welsh Government's National Transport Finance Plan, I am concerned by the comments relating to the Llandeilo bypass scheme which states: "carry out a WeITAG appraisal in relation to the scheme, to confirm if a bypass is still required or if alternative solutions can be implemented."

This position is not only different from the 2015 Transport Finance Plan which states "develop the currently protected route to deliver a combined bypass of Llandeilo and Ffairfach", it is also, of course, contrary to the unequivocal commitment in the budget agreement to construct a bypass around the town.

Furthermore, at no point during the budget negotiations or since the passing of that Budget has there been any suggestion that an alternative to not constructing the bypass would be considered.

Given the growing number of uncertainties and delays, and that our previous meeting to discuss this particular budget agreement item took place almost one year ago, I think it would be beneficial were we to have an urgent meeting to discuss the bypass project fully, and to confirm the status and progress of the scheme ahead of the final Budget vote on 16 January.

I would be very grateful if you were able to indicate your willingness to meet with me ahead of that important plenary debate.

Thank you in advance of your assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours,

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