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6 December 2010

Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 19 November, enclosing correspondence from your constituent, [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] about the Isles of Scilly Link Scheme.

[REDACTED] letter was received by my office and a response has been sent ✓ to him. A copy is attached for your information.

You should by now have received my letter of 29 November about contacting my office to arrange a meeting to discuss this scheme. I look forward to seeing you soon.

Yours sincerely

NORMAN BAKER

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30 November 2010

Dear [Redacted]

Thank you for your letter of 11 November to Norman Baker about the Isles of Scilly Link Scheme. I have been asked to reply.

You may be aware that the Secretary of State made a statement to the House of Commons on Tuesday 26 October which outlined our plans for Local Authority major transport schemes in the light of the Spending Review settlement.

We are proposing to invest around £1.5 billion in local authority major schemes over the Spending Review period but, despite this considerable investment, we will not be able to fund all of the schemes previously proposed.

The Isles of Scilly Link scheme is one of three with Conditional Approval and we will be considering each of these schemes for Full Approval. We will be looking carefully at the costs and scope of the Isles of Scilly Link scheme and exploring possibilities to reduce costs and increase local contributions. We would hope to make a firm decision on the way forward for this scheme by January 2011.

The Department understands the complex and sensitive nature of the issues around this scheme and your comments have also been noted.

The document "Investment in Local Major Transport Schemes" which sets out more detail of the process that will be followed is available at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/regional/ltp/major/transport schemes/pdf/transport schemes.pdf>.

Yours sincerely,

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