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25th April 2025

Dear Paul,

I write to you concerning the ongoing A38 BREP works through Bromsgrove.

As you know, this project was agreed to before I was first elected last July and, therefore, I was not able to provide input before spades were put in the ground.

However, since my election I have met with constituents to discuss their concerns with the BREP, including hosting a meeting with the Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Highways and Transport.

Whilst Bromsgrove welcomes investment in highways infrastructure, it is critical that this delivers both a tangible improvement in keeping Bromsgrove moving, and in reducing the congestion and gridlock that blights the lives of residents and businesses.

Among my constituents' concerns, the chief matters raised relate to:

1. Apparent lack of progress of the works in recent months.
2. Seemingly little planned increase in vehicle flow (reduction of congestion) once the works are completed (apparently no dualling through the route).
3. Lack of suitable visual plans of the final outcome available on the project website to assuage the concerns in point 2 (my office has investigated and cannot see any pictures of the planned outcome).
4. Equipment sitting dormant through a full working day but with a member of staff in the cab on their mobile phone.
5. Concerns around pedestrian safety whilst works are taking place, including complaints about the lack of crossing points across the A38 during the ongoing construction work.
6. Concerns around prolonged road closure of Stoke Road, and whether this can be a staged closure to better manage traffic flow/access.

I have visited, informally, the works on a number of occasions in recent weeks, and share my constituents' frustrations, as I experience delays and congestion on a weekly basis too.

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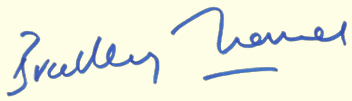
Whilst as a Member of Parliament I have no statutory authority over highways, I would be grateful for your comments and clarifications on the points raised above.

I would also be grateful if Worcestershire County Council would investigate improved delivery of this scheme and how it can be achieved in a way that mitigates disruption to vehicular and pedestrian movements, whilst maintaining an emphasis on pedestrian safety.

Given the level of public interest in this, I intend to publish this letter and any response on my website and social media.

Yours sincerely,



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