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Dear Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP

**A1 in Northumberland Improvements – Preferred Route Announcement**

I am writing to you to provide an update on the announcement of the Preferred Route for the A1 in Northumberland road improvement programme.

Last year we held a Public Consultation on the options for improving the A1 in Northumberland. We received a high number of responses to the consultation, which closed on 23 December 2016. Currently we are reviewing all of the feedback received and completing the options assessment work to determine the preferred route. We are still planning to announce the preferred route later this year and we will contact you to provide more details in due course.

I would like to reassure you that we are continuing to progress the scheme in line with our Delivery Plan commitments to start construction of the improvements North of Ellingham in 2018, followed by the A1 dualling upgrade in 2020, subject to completion of the normal statutory planning procedures and value for money assessments.

We are making contact with all potentially affected residents and stakeholders to update them on scheme progress. It is important that all feedback received is considered and feeds into the assessment and decision on the preferred route. Please be assured that we are working to announce the preferred route as soon as possible.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me by email at: [A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:A1inNorthumberland@highwaysengland.co.uk) or on Tel: 0300 470 4585.

Yours sincerely,



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