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Thank you for your letter of 27 June 2018, about improvements to the A34 and the Oxford to Cambridge expressway.

First, thank you very much for your support for the expressway scheme. As you know we will be making the corridor announcement for the missing link later in the summer, and following this further work including a public consultation will inform a decision on the preferred route within the selected corridor.

Beyond this we have been gathering evidence about the future needs of the strategic road network as we prepare for the launch of the second Road Investment Strategy (RIS 2) in 2019. This has included detailed analytical work right across the network by Highways England and the consultation on their proposed priorities by the Department over the winter.

We are currently considering all the gathered evidence. I can assure you that the long-term requirements of the A34 will be taken into account as we develop RIS 2 and plans for the expressway once a corridor has been chosen.

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