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Dear Mr Livingstone

Nottingham Express Transit Phase Two Tramworks: Chilwell Road and High Road, Beeston, Nottingham

I write regarding the above after having recently met with the leaders of Nottingham City and Broxtowe Borough Councils as well as Nottinghamshire County Council's Transport Committee Chair and Project directors for Nottingham Express Transit and Taylor Woodrow Alstom.

One reason for my calling the meeting was my concern at the delays in completing construction of the tramline on the above stretch of road. The work was initially due to be completed on the first section of road in September 2013; however, the current estimate is now the end of April/first week of May 2014.

I am informed that a major contributing factor to this significant delay has been due to demands, and a lack of acquiescence, from BT. I would therefore be grateful for any assurances you can give that the contractors carrying out the construction of this significant infrastructure project, Taylor Woodrow Alstom, will have the full co-operation of BT in order to expedite the works.

As you will see, I am also sending a copy of this letter to the Secretary of State for Transport because such is the concern amongst parties involved in the above project we discussed the need for a statutory duty to co-operate from utility companies.

I look forward to your response.

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cc. Michael Anderson, TWA Project Director; Cllr Jon Collins, Leader of Nottingham City Council; Rt Hon Patrick McLoughlin MP, Secretary of State for Transport; Cllr Milan Radulovic, Leader of Broxtowe Borough Council; Cllr Alan Rhodes, Leader of Nottinghamshire County Council.

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