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23<sup>rd</sup> August 2013

Dear Jon,

**Lower Road / Fletcher Road, Beeston, Nottingham**

Further to my letter of 14<sup>th</sup> August, I write following a meeting I held with residents of Lower and Fletcher Road, Beeston, on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

At that meeting, I relayed the commitments that were given during my discussion with you earlier that same day. In response, my constituents raised a number of further points, which I believe merit your attention in advance of our meeting next month; please find these additional issues detailed below.

Firstly, there is remaining concern about the Compulsory Purchase Orders; although I appreciate we discussed that this concern should be resolved in 3-4 months' time when the Orders are lifted, some residents have apparently been informed that underwriters have doubts, not only regarding the current value for mortgage purposes, but also about the future ability to secure a mortgage on properties. In addition, some residents wish to sell their property in the very near future, and therefore 3 months is too long a wait. I should add that these particular concerns have already been referred to Chris Deas on 14<sup>th</sup> August and I am grateful that enquiries are under way.

Secondly, residents raised the difficulties they have experienced in contacting out-of-hours support during the tramworks. The concern is that for such an important project, there could be greater support during the hours of 5pm-8am.

Thirdly, further to our discussion of improving communications relating to the tramworks, I appreciate that it has been agreed that fortnightly newsletters will be published; a number of constituents made the point that the current six-weekly information sheets could be improved so that they provide a detailed plan and timeline, including the impact for residents, i.e, restricted parking, increased noise, dust. The frequency with which the NET Phase Two website is updated was also raised.

Fourthly, I would be grateful to know of the process surrounding completion of the works, and specifically, how standards of quality are ensured. Residents understandably wish for all the works to be completed to the highest possible standards; one fear is that the pressure to meet the timetable for the project may potentially lead to sacrificing quality in order to complete on time. I would therefore be grateful for information regarding the process for the completion of works and the conditions surrounding completing on time.

The fifth issue regards the condition of Albert Road, a road which provides access to the rear of some properties along Lower Road. Residents suggested that if the road were to be made good it would make a suitable access road and also be considered as a significant goodwill gesture.

Finally, I would like to invite you and Cllr Jane Urquhart, on behalf of my constituents, to visit Lower Road and Fletcher Road and meet my constituents affected by the works.

I look forward to discussing the above points at our meeting next month.

*With best wishes,*

PP. 

**Anna Soubry MP**

cc. Chris Deas, NET Project Director  
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