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Sent: 26 March 2024 13:50
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Subject: FW: **URG - DfT MC request** FW: For Action - MC-00011438 - FW: Letter to Rt Hon Mark Harper MP - Secretary of State for Transport - M4 Prince of Wales Bridge Roadworks
Attachments: Letter from the DMCC to the Rt Hon Mark Harper MP - M4 Prince of Wales Bridge Roadworks.pdf
Importance: High

As discussed.

Kind regards,

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Advance notice:
On leave from 2 to 9 April to return on 10 April.



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Hi,

The following response has been approved by Regional Director Jason Hones:

1. Will NH commit to continue to engage with the Welsh Govt and other stakeholders on its plans for the roadworks to the Prince of Wales Bridge? Please outline any forthcoming meetings or next steps to this engagement.

Yes – NH fully commits to working closely with the Welsh Government and stakeholders. We already have fortnightly liaison meetings with colleagues from the Welsh Government and South Wales Trunk Road Agent. We use these meetings to share information, such as planned major events, and build this into our plans. This will mean our work is planned with our customers in mind from the outset. We are writing to local Members of Parliament and the Senedd, along with all local authorities and other key local stakeholders, to let them know about our plans. We are developing a detailed stakeholder engagement plan to ensure the wider community and emergency services are kept up to date as the scheme progresses.

2. Will NH bring forward plans to prevent any increase in cross border journey times?

We know how important safe and reliable journeys are to communities and economies on either side of the bridge. Our work has been designed to avoid a significant increase in cross border journey times.

Although originally scheduled to take 14 weeks, we have extended this to 19 weeks. This allows us to keep two lanes available in each direction on the M4. We will also encourage drivers to use spare capacity on the alternative route on the M48 through road signs.

Keeping four out of five lanes open in each direction across both crossings should minimise disruption. Our data shows that there may be delays of up to 15 minutes but this will only happen during peak periods. We will have free recovery to quickly respond to, and clear, any incident.

We will continue to refine this programme, working closely with colleagues in the Welsh Government and South Wales Trunk Road Agent. There will be a few occasions when we will close an additional lane on the M4. These will take place overnight when traffic levels are much lower so we can maintain road capacity for expected traffic levels.

3. Any options NH is currently investigating to prevent disruption to the key events schedule over the summer?

We have scheduled this work to start after most of the significant events at the Principality Stadium. There is one major concert in August when it will not be possible to remove the works. However, with four lanes available, we can help minimise disruption for people attending by car. We will be placing additional signage on the M5 to encourage road users travelling from the Midlands to use the M50, A40 and A449 as an alternative. We will also be working with Welsh Government, the Principality Stadium and our communications teams so customers plan and allow more time for their journeys, reduce the risk of breakdown by checking their vehicles before they travel and consider alternative routes or ways of travel

Our data shows that although this year's National Eisteddfod is in Pontypridd, it does not cause a significant increase in traffic levels across the border. We will keep this under review in our fortnightly meetings with our Welsh colleagues.

4. Any other NH lines to take on the works in relation to the general concerns raised by the Deputy Minister for Climate Change?

[Nil]

Any questions/issues, please come straight back to me.

Kind regards,

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Hi [REDACTED]

See below. We've until COP this Friday for [REDACTED] approved response to the questions.

Kind Regards

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DfT deadline – approved contribution to be returned to this team by 13:00 on Friday 15th March.

Afternoon team,

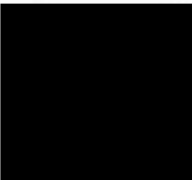

In relation to the attached correspondence which is positive, please could you provide us with your approved lines addressing:

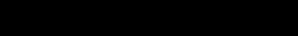

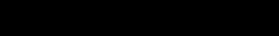
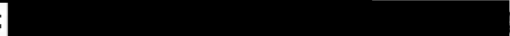
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As ever, please do not worry about formats, templates or writing a letter response. All we need are NH's approved lines to take on each of the points above in formal sentences but in plain English.

Grateful if you could confirm ASAP that this correspondence is accepted?

Thanks,


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Dear team,

Please see forwarded MC regarding planned roadworks on the Prince of Wales Bridge on the M4. Are NH able to provide input in order to reply to this piece of correspondence?

Thanks,



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From: [REDACTED]@dft.gov.uk>

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Good afternoon

Please find attached a letter from Lee Waters AS/MS, Deputy Minister for Climate Change for the Welsh Government to the Rt Hon Mark Harper MP, Secretary of State for Transport.

Copied to the Rt Hon David T C Davies MP, Secretary of State for Wales and MP for Monmouth.

Yours sincerely

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