



Rt Hon Mark Harper MP
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Dear Mark Harper MP

I write following on from the engagement taking place on the planned summer roadworks on the M4 Prince of Wales bridge. The Welsh Government has welcomed the engagement from National Highways regarding these works and looks forward to the continued engagement over the coming months when the contract, design and programme is fully confirmed.

I have been made aware of the works and anticipated programme and I would request that the timing of any works is planned sympathetically in relation to events taking place in Chepstow, Cardiff and around South Wales. There are several key events at the Principality Stadium, some of which are the only concerts taking place across Europe. There is also the National Eisteddfod taking place this year in Pontypridd during August which is expected to attract another record number of visitors.

It is vitally important that any works do not increase travelling times to and from Wales over the summer period especially with the various bids being made by the UK for major events. If possible, any allowance to limit the works and traffic management within the planned works programme during the key events will be greatly appreciated.

Whilst the Welsh Government recognises that this work needs to be done and the time of year chosen due the adverse weather over other seasons, I would be grateful that you give the issues I raise due consideration.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is positioned on the left side of a light gray rectangular box.

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Y Dirprwy Weinidog Newid Hinsawdd
Deputy Minister for Climate Change