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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 22 May about the current traffic issues in Newtown.

Construction of the bypass is programmed to commence in early 2015 subject to the satisfactory completion of the statutory process and availability of finance.

With regards to the town centre, a study carried out in 2010-11 in response to a petition to re-instate the roundabout at Pool Road/Kerry Road concluded a roundabout would not resolve the congestion problem. In autumn 2012 a stakeholder group including local members and local interest groups was set up to identify further options for improvement. A review of the options is currently underway and we are in the process of arranging a meeting for the stakeholder group shortly.

I will write to you again when the options have been reviewed.

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