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The Rt Hon John Hayes CBE MP  
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Dear ,

Following an incident in February 2016 on the M6 motorway, after which the motorway was not fully reopened for 24 hours, I held a public hearing to look into the disruption. I met with your predecessor, Andrew Jones MP, and had a very constructive discussion about the lessons learnt. 11 recommendations came from the hearing in March, and I am pleased to inform you that good progress is being made on these.

Keeping our roads moving is a crucial aspect of our shared ambition to support the economic success of the West Midlands. There are also many links to the government's agenda for mayors, where there is a clear role in joining up the management of the road network. In pursuit of the government's policy for closer working between partners, I will be once again bringing together various agencies and stakeholders for a follow-up hearing on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2016.

I have invited Highways England to participate in the upcoming hearing, as they did very helpfully in March. I hope their attendance is something you will be able to support. There will be the opportunity to share their successes and progress since the initial hearing. I met with senior officials recently who told me they would be delighted to have a role.

I would appreciate your assistance in ensuring that this follow-up hearing is a real success on behalf of the people of the West Midlands. In particular, I would appreciate a meeting with you in the near future for a quick review of the progress on our recommendations.

Yours sincerely



David Jamieson  
Police and Crime Commissioner