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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter dated 19 April 2010, and the enclosed public petition regarding traffic matters at Camlough Road and Millvale Road junction, which was laid in the Assembly by Mr Dominic Bradley on 19 April 2010.

Please find enclosed a copy of my letter to Mr Bradley on this issue.

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Veur Dominie

Thank you for your public petition regarding traffic matters at Camlough Road and Millvale Road junction, which you laid in the Assembly on 19 April 2010.

I can advise that the provision of a further roundabout on Camlough Road, at its junction with Millvale Road and an additional east-bound lane on Camlough Road, from Millvale Road to the nearby Egyptian Arch bridge, which carries the Belfast/Dublin railway line over the Camlough Road, was first raised when I met with Newry and Mourne District Council on 15 October 2009. At that meeting I agreed that Roads Service would monitor the traffic conditions on Camlough Road, once the new road opens, and that I would report its findings to the Major Scheme Liaison Panel, facilitated by the Environmental Health Department of Newry and Mourne District Council, as a forum where community representatives' concerns about this substantial strategic road improvement scheme could be considered.

Roads Service has already undertaken some initial surveys, prior to the new dual carriageway and the flyover-type junction at Camlough Road becoming fully operational, and is preparing to present the results to the next meeting of the Liaison Panel, scheduled for Thursday 20 May 2010.

I trust these comments help to clarify the current position on this matter.

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