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Mr A Stout
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Dear Mr Stout

STRING ROAD CLOSURE

I refer to your letter of 21st June, 2010 regarding the above and would address the issues raised as follows.

Following the successful completion of the majority of the project on the B880 String Road, the road was opened on Wednesday 30th June, 2010 at 7.00 p.m. Further accommodation works to complete the project including the additional patching works outwith the main contract, will be completed using localised traffic management at specific locations ensuring the safe flow of traffic.

As the majority of the project was completed within the very tight timescales set by ourselves no further road closures will be required this financial year. However, we are currently in the process of trying to secure additional timber transport funding for 2011/12 to continue the upgrading of the B880 String Road and the areas identified on the C147 which may require further road closures in the future.

The convoy system which operated this year between 7.00 a.m. and 8.00 a.m. each morning and 7.30 p.m. and 8.30 p.m. each evening would be proposed again next year. Unfortunately any extension to these times would not be possible due to the financial pressures brought about by extending the convoy times. In relation to school buses failing to stop to pick-up children, I would suggest that this is an issue that you take up with the bus companies direct. I will, however, raise this matter with the appropriate persons at the post-contract meeting which will assist in identifying areas of best practice for future works.

I trust the above answered the issues raised by you and will suggest that any relevant information identified at the de-brief meeting with elected members and community councillors is forwarded to you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

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(Finance & Infrastructure)