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Dear Ms Harrison

I am writing to express my full support for the development of the A5 Western Transport Corridor.

The A5 is a strategic transport route corridor through the Omagh area, providing vital connections up to the North West and down through the rest of the island via Aughnacloy. The importance of this route is reflected in the traffic volumes using it on a daily basis, 7 days a week, 365 days of the year. But busy should not mean dangerous - there have been 47 fatalities on the A5 since 2006. In your consideration of the proposed route of the A5 Western Transport Corridor scheme, you must take account of the accident history of the current road.

The A5 Western Transport Corridor dual carriageway will enable residents, visitors and commuters to make their journeys efficiently, reduce congestion due to traffic tailbacks, reduce travel time and increase connectivity and investment.

Therefore, I would call on the Department for Infrastructure to progress the development of the A5 Western Transport Corridor Scheme as a matter of urgency, for the benefit of all users of the A5.

Yours faithfully,

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