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Dear John

RE: Rainton Gate Junction, A690.

We are writing to you once again regarding the Rainton Gate junction on the A690. As you will of course recall, earlier this year there was another fatal collision between two vehicles. We collectively wrote to you immediately following this accident to ask that action finally be taken to make this junction safe.

While it is absolutely correct that an investigation into the causes of the accident had to be carried out, we understand that this has now been completed and agreement has been reached with the applicant seeking to develop housing near Rainton Gate.

Sadly, since that time, there seems to have been little information in the public domain about how the installation of infrastructure to make this junction safe is progressing. As we are sure you understand, having lost a member of their community only a few months ago, local residents are keen to see this junction made safe, and would like to know how the local authority is dealing with their concerns.

We appreciate that there will be preparatory work to be done by council officers before physical infrastructure can be installed at the Rainton Gate junction, however we would again urge you to take action now to get work on this site underway, and to inform local residents about the work that the council is undertaking.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely



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Member of Parliament for the City of Durham

Councill Bill Kellett, Sherburn Division
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