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Dear Mrs Hodgson

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Increased noise pollution

Thank you for your letter dated 30 March 2020 addressed to Jim O'Sullivan, on behalf of your constituents, regarding traffic noise on the A1(M) near Picktree. I am replying to you as this issue falls within my area of responsibility.

In February we carried out some patching works between junctions 63 and 65 to maintain a safe and serviceable network, until such time that full resurfacing is required. The carriageway is in good condition and will not need to be fully resurfaced for some time.

Maintenance works were carried out on the south bound carriageway at junction 63 which is particularly close to Picktree. However, the material used in the patching works was the same as that taken up, and should not have made a noticeable difference to traffic noise.

We will need to take a closer look to identify possible issues that may be adding to the surface noise and the profile of the new surfaces will be one of the areas of investigation. I have asked our contractor to arrange for surface checks to be made and we are currently in the process of scheduling this investigation.

In the meantime, we will continue to monitor the area. We will write to you to provide an update into our findings, following the checks and investigation.

Yours sincerely



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