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Dear Janet

Thank you for your email of 26 October, on behalf of your constituents, regarding the Penmaenbach tunnel on the A55.

I have received correspondence about this issue over the past few days and appreciate that the works are causing some frustration for road users.

Westbound delays have generally been less than 30 minutes at peak hours although Friday and Saturday saw an increase because of holiday traffic. Eastbound delays at peak hours have generally been less than 20 minutes.

Re-opening the tunnel fully each day would extend the overall programme considerably, impact significantly on scheme costs and increase health and safety risk to traffic management operatives.

I have asked my officials to review the works and assess whether any improvements can be made to the situation. I am expecting to receive their advice tomorrow. In the meantime I looked at the situation myself today as I drove through the area and I am pleased to say that there was only a slight delay.

Edwina Hart