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Dear Janet

Thank you for your letter of 4 November regarding the A55 improvement works at Penmaenbach.

Unfortunately, delays were longer than normal and I appreciate that this has caused frustration for road users. You will have seen my written statement on 9 November providing an update on the works.

We have begun to collect journey time data through the works area and initial reports are showing mid-week peak journey times of 10 to 20 minutes in both directions. The key exception to this has been Friday afternoon peak time westbound when journey times have been slightly longer.

The lorry collision on 10 November occurred when there were no road works in place, within a permanent 30 mph speed limit. A structural inspection of the tunnel was required to confirm it was safe to reopen.

We are aware of local concerns and my official met with the mayor of Penmaenmawr on Monday of last week and his comments have been noted. I have also passed your letter to my officials so that the comments can be taken into consideration.

As noted in my response to you of 27 October, I have driven through the area to see the situation for myself. There is no need for another visit. However, I have asked my officials for regular updates regarding the works.

Edwina Hart