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Dear Mr McClean,

FURTHER LETTER AS FOLLOW-UP FROM CYCLING UK AND DfI MEETING

Thank you for your correspondence dated 21st July 2022, in response to my letter outlining each of the issues raised as follow-up to your meeting with the Minister during Bike Week.

NI Highway Code - the Minister is still determining priorities for his Department and the best way to use available resources to meet the needs of all road users. He will agree his Department's priorities in due course.

Active Travel Bill - Delivering modal shift from private car use to active and sustainable modes of travel is a key priority for the Department. The Minister is keen to use the existing powers that his Department has to deliver better 'fit for purpose' walking and cycling infrastructure.

He is also keen to consider whether his Department should have additional powers in order to more effectively focus its work on active travel.

Climate Change Act - The path to net zero emissions, which includes a commitment for active travel funding, is a NICS-wide initiative and a first Climate Action Plan setting out how this will be achieved is due by the end of 2023. The Department is working with other NICS departments and DAERA who is leading this work.

Yours Sincerely,



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Private Secretary to the Minister