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Dear Vicky

Saltash Tunnel Works

We would like to work closely with Cornwall Council to consider and plan the potential mitigations that could help during the upcoming National Highways work on the Saltash Tunnel.

Saltash Town Council are extremely concerned that the works will be very impactful to the town of Saltash and its residents and are keen to ensure that all potential measures are considered carefully.

I am sure that you are already working on this, but we consider that local knowledge on what may or may not work be key to ensuring the best possible mitigation measures are put in place.

The measures we consider need to be considered are:

- Rail service improvements
- Bus service improvements
- Ferry service improvements
- Walking and cycling improvements
- Potential for Park and Ride services
- Provision of information

Locally, we consider that additional rail services calling at Saltash is the key mitigation measure, and we consider this to be very much a priority as rail is likely going to be the only mass transport system that will have a significant impact.

Walking and cycling around Saltash will be important, but it will be those whose journeys take them beyond the town will look to rail for a reliable, cost effective and regular option.

A 'half hourly' rail service would provide capacity for many hundreds of people, whereas all other options are either likely to provide much smaller capacity or, as in the case of buses be caught in the disruption.

We do consider that all potential mitigations be considered as they all have a part to play, but rail is the 'stand out' option that would deliver the greatest benefit for the least effort and potentially lowest cost.



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Furthermore, we request that we are kept up to date on any local traffic monitoring that is being commissioned so we learn more about the impacts to journey times.

We would like to suggest we begin with a Teams meeting to better understand the impact of the tunnel works and possible mitigation measures and how they may be developed with all stakeholders.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours Sincerely,



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