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Dear Michael

Thank you for your emails of 10 and 23 October and 7 November to Lord Benyon about green lanes. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

Defra will not be issuing a press release, but there will be further public communications when the Glover response is published. I am content for you to share the letter. I would bring to your attention however that two points in your newsletter are inaccurate:

Firstly, Defra is not planning on amending the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) process. Our legal advice is that there are already sufficient powers to create TROs. We do however plan to refresh the TRO guidance to enable local authorities to implement TROs most effectively.

Secondly, Defra officials have reconsidered the use of the word 'sustainability' and agree that 'suitability' is a more correct term which will bring in other factors, such as the value of a route to the network for different users. They are still in the process of agreeing the project remit, including definitions and boundaries and will be in touch to sense-check the terms of the project with yourselves and other user groups. I am unable to confirm an exact date for this, however, anticipate this to be early next year.

Yours sincerely

TRUDY HARRISON MP