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Dear Minister,

Congratulations on your appointment and I look forward to working with you to tackle the pressing transport issues across the Lothian region, such as a train station for Winchburgh.

A new Winchburgh station is a vital missing link which will give local people direct access to national train services, and I met with the previous transport minister to accelerate delivery.

A station is essential because Winchburgh people need a sustainable, low-carbon alternative to the car to access jobs and services in Edinburgh. Winchburgh is set to be home for over 4,000 families due to a massive expansion agreed as part of the Edinburgh City Region Deal, going from 1,800 homes in 2021 to 4,100 in eight years' time. As well as new schools and a neighbourhood centre with health facilities, they were also promised a railway station to give ready access to the main Edinburgh-Glasgow line. If the station doesn't happen, further house building could be limited to 750 units, and the housing crisis in the Lothians will worsen.

Winchburgh Developments funded a new junction on the M9 to allow direct access from Winchburgh village. This is a welcome addition, but the residents bought their homes on the understanding there would be a station. This is vital if we are to reduce congestion, hit our net zero objectives and provide vital public transport links for this expanding village.

I have launched a campaign to secure a new train station and it has received a very positive response from residents across West Lothian. I am writing to you to request a meeting about this issue and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

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