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Dear Sue,

Thank you for your letter of 20 October to Mark Harper about funding for a railway station at Winchburgh. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this issue.

As you are aware, on 4 October, the Prime Minister announced Network North – this Government’s transport investment vision to drive better connectivity across the North, the Midlands, and the rest of the country with faster journey times, increased capacity and more frequent, reliable journeys across rail, buses, and roads. We have set out the overall allocation to the North, Midlands, and the rest of the country: £19.8bn to the North, £9.6bn to the Midlands, and £6.5bn to other national projects and schemes (subject to the approval of business cases).

Thank you for highlighting the significance of improving connectivity between the village of Winchburgh and both Edinburgh and Glasgow. While allocations will change as final plans and profiles are agreed, of the Network North package announced, approximately 30% will be invested in rail, around 55% will be invested in local transport, and around 15% will be invested in roads.

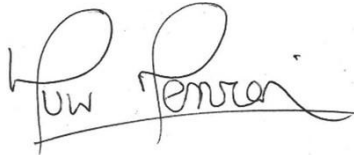
Funding will go to a combination of projects, including additional funding to existing work, restarting important work that had previously been paused, and to new projects and schemes that are being developed, as set out in the recent announcement (for more detail, please see a more detailed overview here: [www.gov.uk/government/news/find-out-about-every-new-transport-project-in-your-region](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/find-out-about-every-new-transport-project-in-your-region)).

We are in the early stages of planning next steps, including delivery timelines, for the schemes included in the Network North announcement and are working with our delivery partners to develop detailed plans.

The projects will be delivered at various times over the next decade and beyond, with some already underway such as improved support for bus services and pothole repairs.

The Department will continue to engage with local leaders over the coming months to ensure Network North plans deliver services that people need and want.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Huw Merriman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**HUW MERRIMAN MP**

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