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Dear Sam

Thank you for your letter of 14 August. My apologies for the delay in coming back to you.

The technical teams from Surrey County Council and Network Rail have now arranged the first meeting to work together to agree a way forward to enable funding to be sought for bringing the bridge up to current highway and railway standards. Please may I remind you that, as the current bridge highway layout is sub-standard, there is an ongoing level of risk to our highway users which we wish to reduce. We look forward to working together with Network Rail to develop a scheme that will enhance the safety for both road and rail users.

We note that your works will not now be carried out for approximately two years, as was pointed out at the meeting on 8th August. This gives Surrey County Council an opportunity to seek funding to improve the sub-standard highway layout at the same time as the Network Rail scheme is implemented.

There is indeed always a level of risk involved in managing old structures such as this one on our networks. All weight restriction decisions, as part of the highway authority statutory role, are necessarily made upon receipt and review of strength assessments from bridge owners. However, as the Surrey technical team have not yet received a load assessment from Network Rail, it is not clear why you assert that the load assessment is 7.5T. It is also not clear why you assert that the likelihood of a weight restriction being needed in the next two years is high.

Please could you confirm that Network Rail are carrying out a new strength assessment as a matter of urgency, and that the Surrey technical team will receive a copy of this shortly. This will be necessary to consider the impact of any new defect, that may arise, without delay. Please could you request that your technical team passes on the last available strength assessment that was carried out in 1996 with a load assessment result of 40T. This would be a useful point of reference in the interim period before an up to date assessment is made available.

Please could you refer your request for additional attendees, to the next joint meeting, to the office of the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP, who is your point of contact if you wish to request particular invitations.



The local traffic data that you requested was recorded by the Compton Parish Council, who have kindly made this available on their public website. The data that you have requested is available from the following link to the website, and by selecting Traffic Data at <http://www.compton-surrey.co.uk/home/4516906725>.

Hopefully, collaboration between the Surrey and Network Rail technical teams will result in a replacement of the current bridge deck that enhances and improves safety for both the highway and rail networks.

Yours sincerely



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