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Dear Stuart Andrew

RE: Traffic issues at Maidwell/Draughton A508

Thank you for your email to our Head of Planning and Development, Malcolm Dangerfield, on 17 March 2026, concerning traffic diverting off the A14 and through Maidwell. I am replying to you as this issue falls within my area of responsibility.

Thank you for sharing the concerns raised by residents of Maidwell and Draughton regarding the current traffic situation. I'd like to begin by apologising for the disruption and inconvenience that the community has experienced. I understand how distressing the increased traffic levels, HGV movements, noise, and road safety concerns can be for those living alongside the A508, particularly during the night.

I'd also like to acknowledge the significant work carried out by the Parish Council, residents, and partner agencies in recent years to improve conditions in the village. Measures such as reduced speed limits, village gateways, road hatchings, SID installations, and regular police enforcement show a strong shared commitment to safety. I value the community's continued efforts and recognise the frustration residents feel when issues persist despite this collective progress.

The current increase in traffic is directly related to the essential works taking place on the A14. We're carrying out embankment repairs on the eastbound carriageway, along with drainage works. These activities are necessary to ensure the long-term safety and resilience of the route. To allow us to complete this work safely, closures are required, and the A508 has been designated as the official diversion route. This diversion was approved by both West and North Northamptonshire Council as the most appropriate option for safely redirecting traffic. As the diversion operates only between Monday and Friday, from 8pm to 6am, and has been used for previous closures, no additional traffic modelling was completed. These works are planned to be completed by the end of May, after which the diversion will no longer be in place.

Following concerns raised by Maidwell Parish Council, we've taken several steps to mitigate impacts where possible. Additional "Reduce Speed Now" signage has been

installed before the 30mph limit at the request of the Parish. Extra signage has also been placed to the north of the diversion advising “Village only – no through route” for Harrington. A full audit has been completed recently to ensure the diversion remains safe and clearly signed.

Our Public Liaison Officer (PLO) has been in regular contact with the Parish Council and the local police force to keep them updated on the works. Both have direct contact details for the PLO and are encouraged to raise any concerns as they arise. The PLO continues to work closely with councillors and residents and is exploring further opportunities for community engagement. If it would be of benefit, the PLO is happy to attend meetings with residents, the Parish Council, or a wider multi-agency group to discuss concerns.

Please be assured that we take these concerns extremely seriously and will continue to monitor the situation closely as the works progress. If you require any further information or if there is anything more, we can do to support the community during this period, please do not hesitate to get back in touch.

If your office would like any further information, please contact Project Manager, Chloe Levenie, who will be pleased to respond. Chloe can be contacted by email at chloe.levenie@nationalhighways.co.uk or by telephone on 07835 136217. Alternatively, our correspondence address is National Highways, Three Snowhill, Queensway, Birmingham, B4 6GA.

Yours sincerely



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