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Dear Yvonne

I am writing to raise some concerns that I have with regards to traffic and the ongoing development at Heyford Park. I am getting in touch both on behalf of constituents as the MP but also as a local resident in Somerton.

The main concern that we have at the moment is the proposed Middleton Stoney bus gate. I am not sure how the proposals would achieve the desired results. As far as I can see all this proposal would do is make the build up of traffic worse on the B430 coming from Ardley. I also note that Middleton Stoney remain opposed to the idea and I know there is considerable opposition in the surrounding villages

There is also then the point that this will push traffic to other parts of the area and so while Dorchester have generously offered to invest in traffic calming measures, I ultimately don't think the road infrastructure through these villages is good enough for this extra flow of traffic.

I do recognise the wider issues with traffic coming out of Heyford park and appreciate that we can't do nothing. Heyford Park is a very large development, and the site is only served by relatively small B roads, but I don't think the bus gate is the solution to take forward.

I feel it would be very useful to meet with the team at Highways at OCC. I would be grateful to have a greater understanding of their working and predicted traffic flows for the area.

Yours  
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**Victoria Prentis MP**

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