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Dear Julia,

Thank you for your letter to the Mayor regarding the timescales for the Gallows Corner flyover works. As Deputy Mayor for Transport, I have been asked to respond on his behalf. I apologise for the delay in responding.

I understand the Freedom of Information element of your correspondence has now been responded to separately.

Having completed extensive technical and safety assurance checks, Transport for London (TfL) reopened some sections of the road network to general traffic on the morning of Sunday 10 May.

The renewal of the ageing Gallows Corner flyover is essential to ensuring the safety and reliability of the road network in Havering and across east London.

Last month, all significant TfL works had been completed. Essex & Suffolk Water (ESW) completed their construction activities and had been testing the new water main. This new main is vital to water supplies in the area and the testing process identified a leak and required additional repairs. I understand you met with TfL and ESW representatives in April to discuss the complexities and challenges around this development.

I recognise how deeply frustrating this situation has been for local residents, businesses and road users, particularly following earlier delays.

The partial reopening involved reopening the flyover eastbound, allowing traffic to flow between the A12 and A127 eastbound. Straight Road and Main Road also fully reopened. The flyover will remain closed westbound, and the A12 southbound will remain bus only in order to allow water main works to continue safely and to help manage traffic in the area.

These changes mean the following journeys could now be made through the area:

- Eastbound flyover open from A12 Eastern Avenue East to A127 Southend Arterial Road
- Roundabout to A12 Colchester Road (eastbound only)
- Straight Road (both directions) and roundabout
- Main Road (both directions) and roundabout

The following routes remain closed to general traffic and diversions remain in place:

- No access to westbound flyover
- No access from A12 Eastern Avenue East eastbound onto roundabout
- No access from roundabout onto A12 Eastern Avenue East westbound
- No access from A12 Colchester Road to roundabout
- No access from roundabout onto A127 Southend Arterial Road eastbound

Again, I recognise how deeply frustrating this situation continues to be for local residents, businesses and road users. ESW and TfL continue to work in close partnership

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and are focused on completing the remaining work. An update will be provided once a date for reopening the rest of the road network is confirmed.

Yours sincerely,



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Deputy Mayor for Transport