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Dear Jesse,

As you will be aware, we are currently in the middle of our inquiry into active travel, which is looking at Government policy to increase levels of walking and cycling.

We were grateful for the written evidence submitted by your Department and look forward to hearing from you in person later in the year.

A few questions have arisen in the evidence we have taken to date. I would like you to provide supplementary evidence on the following points:

- The Government has called the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy a £1.2 billion plan, and more recently has said that almost £2 billion is projected to be invested over this parliament to 2021 to deliver increased levels of active travel, but just over £300 million in funding has been ringfenced for active travel. On what basis has the Government projected that £2 billion will be invested in active travel this Parliament?

- The Government is required to report on progress towards meeting the objectives of its Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. What are you doing to assess your progress so far and when can we expect to see your first progress report?

- The Department for Transport has commissioned research to assess the impact that current investment across England will have on rates of cycling, walking and walking-to-school and the additional investment required to meet the 2025 aims and targets set out in the Cycling and Walking Investment Strategy. Who have you commissioned to conduct this research, and when do you expect to publish the outcome?

- The Government has said it will appointment a new Cycling and Walking Champion to raise the profile of Active Travel. What criteria are you applying to the role? Has the process for identifying a suitable candidate for this role begun? When do you hope to appoint a Champion?

So that this information can inform future evidence sessions I would be grateful if you could reply by Friday 15 February.

Best wishes

Lilian Greenwood MP
Chair of the Transport Committee