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Dear Lillian,

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I write to follow up on some points of detail arising as part of my oral evidence given to the Transport Select Committee on 3 July 2019.

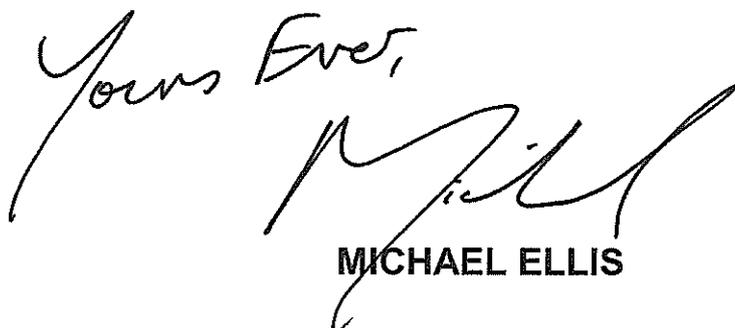
I referred to the fact that a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) can take 14 weeks and was asked where the statistic came from. This figure came from written evidence provided to the Committee by the Chartered Institution of Highways & Transportation and related to a simple TRO. A more complex TRO could take longer.

On TRO costs, 37 percent of local authorities who responded to Living Streets' 2018 freedom of information request had used TROs to control pavement parking in the previous two years (2016-18). They indicated that their costs varied from an average £250 per sign and post, to £2500-3000 (or more) per street for putting in the signs and lines, sealing the order, publishing notices in the local paper and paying staff costs.

We also discussed Jesse Norman's undertaking to launch a survey in summer 2017 to gather evidence about the current costs and timescales for making TROs and the options for change. I can confirm that, while it did not happen at that time, the survey was subsequently undertaken within the broader TRO Discovery project to which I referred. The TRO Discovery included cost surveys, alongside extensive interviews, looking at the broader opportunities to improve the TRO process, including the use of TRO data created by local authorities, and its potential value to map makers and the wider Connected and Automated Vehicle agenda.

The Department for Transport will be publishing a summary of its TRO Discovery work in the near future. This work included an analysis of the costs associated with making TROs. The Department will provide a copy of this summary to the Committee upon its publication.

As discussed, the Department will also give further consideration to a publicity campaign to raise awareness of the difficulties caused by footway parking.

Yours Ever,


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