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Dear Minister, Edwina,

I am writing with regards to the further five weeks of lane closures that are to be faced by motorists on the A55, affecting the Pen-Y-Clip and Conwy tunnels, whilst signage is replaced.

My purpose in writing to you is to enquire as to what action has been taken to mitigate the event chaos, disruption to public transport and severe travelling delays faced by many during the most recent works, and ensure that such disturbances will not be repeated through these further lane closures.

The lane closures relating to the Penmaenbach Tunnel works created a particularly problematic contraflow system, causing unnecessary and excessive traffic hold ups and resulting in gridlock on all main roads leading off in the area. For example, I witnessed first-hand that the Sychnant Pass road became dangerously congested; and the A546 roundabouts at Llandudno Junction were at a standstill at peak times, all of which resulted in lengthy travel delays.

Additionally, concerns were raised that public transport companies had not been properly informed, and the resulting delays to their services had major repercussions for many who rely on such services to commute and access services, shops and to socialise.

I am seeking your firm assurances that such conditions will not be faced by drivers as a result of the forthcoming lane closures.

Yours sincerely,

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Janet Finch-Saunders will treat in confidence any personal information which you may pass on to her, and she will normally allow her staff to see it, so that they can consult with relevant authorities in order to help and advise you. We may wish to write to you from time to time to keep you informed on issues which you may find of interest. Please let us know if you do not wish to be contacted for this purpose.

Mi wnaiff Janet Finch-Saunders cadw unrhyw wybodaeth bersonol yn gwbl gyfrinachol, ac fel arfer mi fydd rhaid iddi rannu'r wybodaeth 'efo aelodau o staff i'w galluogi nhw i ddellio 'efo'r awdurdodau perthnasol er mwyn eich helpu a'ch cynorthwyo chi. Efallai mi fydd angen i rywun ysgrifennu atoch er mwyn darparu'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf o bwys. Gadwch wybod i ni os nad oes diddordeb gennych mewn cael eich cysylltu at y diben hwn.