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Dear Darren,

I am writing in response to your question raised in Business Questions on 3 November regarding safe cycling.

I am sorry to hear that some of your constituents have experienced conflict between different types of users on paths. In some areas the volumes of pedestrians and cyclists are too high for the existing infrastructure to deal with, and added to that inconsiderate behaviour by a minority of people can create conditions for conflict.

We are currently finalising on design guidance for active travel schemes that draws on best practice to improve conditions for all paths users. The updated version places greater priority on segregation of walking and cycling. However, it is inevitable that users will cross paths on occasions therefore it will still require an element of common sense and for users to share routes respectfully.

In June, we allocated £16.2m for local sustainable transport measures in response to Covid 19 to enable local authorities to improve conditions for walking and cycling during the crisis. For example, Conwy County Borough Council was allocated over £1.6 million for a range of measures. I understand that most of the schemes that would have prioritised space for pedestrians and cyclists over cars have not been taken forward due to local opposition to reducing road space and car parking.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The UK Government has also consulted on changes to the Highway Code, with a view of improving the safety of walkers and cyclists. The proposals that were subject of the consultation can be found [here](#). We will of course look to work closely with the UK Government on any changes made as a result of this consultation.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is positioned above the printed name and title.

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