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Dear James

As you will be aware, recent statistics have shown a vast improvement in the reduction of road accidents across Suffolk.

New figures from the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety have also shown this progress within my constituency of Bury St Edmunds. For instance, these figures show a significant fall in resident casualties on the road, with a 20% reduction in all road casualties for Bury St Edmunds constituents, from 2009-2014. In particular, this period saw an almost 55% decrease in serious road casualties, from 57 incidents in 2009, to just 26 incidents in 2014.

This significant progress can be attributed to local road safety steps, with evidence showing a 28% faster reduction rate in Killed or Seriously Injured (KSI) incidents nationally. As a result, Bury St Edmunds is ranked 25th top constituency in the country for efforts to reduce KSI incidents.

However, the statistics show that, despite recent measures, there remains concern for the number of serious incidents in Bury St Edmunds, showing that the rate of KSI incidents is 7% higher than the regional average and 11% higher than the national rate. Furthermore, for Suffolk on the whole, between 2007 and 2015, there were 250 fatal accidents and 2,245 serious collisions.

I therefore write to ascertain what measures are being taken to reduce the number of serious (KSI) incidents in Suffolk and more specifically in my Bury St Edmunds constituency?

Furthermore, given the success of measures to, on the whole, reduce road accidents in Suffolk, what efforts are being made to apply these steps to target and reduce the rate of serious incidents in my Bury St Edmunds constituency?



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I have also contacted Police and Crime Commissioner, Tim Passmore who I know you have worked closely with the deliver these improvements.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely,

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