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Dear William

In my letter of 6 January I committed to provide the Petitions Committee with quarterly progress updates regarding improvements at Dyfi Bridge.

Please find enclosed an updated Appendix 1 showing progress on the improvement actions.

I will write again with a further update at the end of June.

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Appendix 1: Dyfi Bridge Actions

Short Term			
	Activity	Progress Report	Date Complete
1	Inspect drainage on the A487 in and around Machynlleth.	Inspection completed and trunk road drainage was found to be relatively clean and fully operative	December 2013
2	Availability of CCTV:	A fault causing the lack of cameras has been identified. Cameras now operational	January 2014
3	The short term study will consider the anecdotal evidence that the River Dyfi used to be dredged and this might be an option for the future	Investigations have found references to the dredging of small estuarine channels downstream of Dyfi bridge. Further investigations will continue.	July 2014
4	Steel barriers at Dyfi Bridge	Historically during closures some road users have chosen to remove signing/coning and to cross the bridge at their own risk. Welsh Government provided a physical closure system to protect road users and workforce.	December 2013
5	Strategic diversions and the use of Variable Message Sign (VMS) at Cross Foxes.	Planning to install VMS in 2014/15.	Winter 2014
6	Network Rail Bridge condition.	The bridge is owned and maintained by Network Rail. Officials confirm that they are unaware of any concerns pertaining to the trunk road.	January 2014
7	Remove from the current scope the investigation into benefits of raising the existing road between the Eco Park	This short term measure does not address the issue of the bridge. See longer term options below.	December 2013

	and Dyfi Bridge.		
8	Temporary pump/storage drainage system for the low spot beneath the rail bridge.	Work has been undertaken to assess the drainage in the area of the rail bridge and the outfalls. The results of those works will inform future pump / storage solution.	Existing works complete. Complete options report by end of May 2014
Longer term			
9	New bridge option	Following a recent site visit and a review of previous options, funding will be provided to progress work to develop options for a new crossing upstream of the existing bridge. This will not include a bypass of Machynlleth.	Upstream option to be investigated.
10	Observations during flooding events.	My officials will contact the Town Council to discuss their concerns and observations during flooding events	