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Dear Karl,

Thank you for your questions raised at the Transport Select Committee enquiry on Wednesday 9 September. I agreed to write to you to clarify your request regarding lorry parking spaces.

KM Question: *In 2018 the department published its own survey on lorry parking and identified an immediate need of 1300 additional lorry space, how many spaces have been delivered to date.*

There are problems with the supply of lorry parking provision. Current lorry parking provision falls short of industry needs both the availability of parking and the quality of provision.

The Secretary of State Rt Hon Grant Shapps appointed Richard Aitken-Davies (June 2020), a Non- Executive Director of the Department for Transport Board, to work with officials to develop policy options to support the strategic and long-term development of lorry parking provision.

We are monitoring the provision of additional parking spaces at some key sites. These include at Kent Ashford International Truckstop – which will increase from 390 to 660 this year (2020). A new truck stop off the A14 opened at Rothwell with 220 spaces in 2019.

There are also a number of extra lorry parking spaces being provided at Motorway Services Areas, examples being;

- Welcome Break, Corley Services M6 Northbound extended a further 85 spaces in 2020.
- The new MOTO site at Rugby (junction 1 M6) (opening had been due 2020, but has been delayed until January 2021. This will cater for 100 trucks.
- Extra – Cobham (M25) site has been extended to provide a further 75 lorry parking spaces in 2019.

Thank you for raising this question,

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Maclean', with a small dot at the end.

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