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Dear William,

Thank you for your letter of 14 October following the publication of the Government response to your Committee's report on Major Projects. You raise some important questions on key Government ambitions and the publication of the National Infrastructure Strategy and Green Book guidance. I understand the Committee's desire to see progress on these important areas.

The National Infrastructure Strategy will be central to driving this government's long-term plans for infrastructure in this country, and our subsequent economic recovery. The government still intends to publish the National Infrastructure Strategy this Autumn.

The National Infrastructure Strategy has been delayed due to the General Election of 2019 and the ongoing pandemic. As the Chancellor set out on 21 October, the upcoming Spending Review will take place on 25 November. This Spending Review will focus on tackling Covid and delivering the Government's Plan for Jobs. It is the Government's intention that, as this Spending Review is published, updated Green Book guidance will be published too.

I hope this answer is helpful to the Committee. I look forward to further engagement as this work continues.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'The Lord Agnew', with a long, sweeping flourish extending from the end.

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