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Dear Iain,

I am writing to update you on the commitment I made in my letter of 17 May 2023, following my session with the Committee on 19 April, on the Department's oversight of consultations and policy announcements.

In your letter of 28 April, you included a list of outstanding consultations and policy announcements. In my response (17 May), I explained that I expected many of the outstanding consultations and calls for evidence to be published in the coming months.

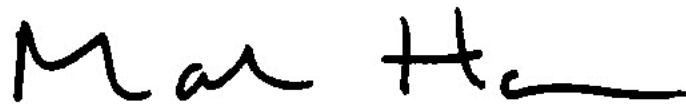
In Section 7 of the Annex to that response, I also set out that my officials had undertaken an internal review of active, closed and concluded consultations since the last General Election, and I acknowledged that – for a range of reasons - the Department had been slower to respond to consultations than I would have liked. I therefore committed to providing status updates on all outstanding consultations on gov.uk.

We have since published final outcomes for 26 outstanding consultations, and published status updates on the DfT's gov.uk pages on 18 others. I enclose additional information below, including links to the updated consultations. For clarity, where status updates were minor, the 'Last Updated' date was not revised.

Thank you again for drawing my attention to this issue. As in April, I recognise that consultations should still receive a final Government response in a timely fashion and I am determined to press on with responding to outstanding consultations as quickly as possible. My officials are working to do this swiftly, while ensuring the correct processes are followed and that policy decisions are thoroughly tested and backed up with evidence. I will continue to monitor updates.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Committee in the future.

Yours ever,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Harper', with a stylized, cursive script.

The Rt Hon Mark Harper MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT

Table 1: In Scope Consultations and Status

	Title	Status	Date updated
	Concluded		
1	Amending rail passengers' rights and obligations regulations	Concluded	30/06/2023
2	Draft protocol for obtaining traffic regulation orders for new developments	Concluded	13/07/2023
3	Reforming the heavy goods vehicle road user levy	Concluded	20/06/2023
4	Cross Country rail franchise	Concluded	29/08/2023
5	Traffic regulation orders: applying for and creating orders plus using data	Concluded	13/07/2023
6	East West Rail: central section	Concluded	20/07/2023
7	Automated vehicle trialling code of practice: invitation to comment	Concluded	20/07/2023
8	Light rail and other rapid transit solutions in cities and towns: call for evidence	Concluded	19/07/2023
9	Domestic shipping air pollution: call for evidence	Concluded	05/07/2023
10	Future of Transport: rural strategy call for evidence	Concluded	14/07/2023
11	Amending the UK trailer registration scheme: altering inspector location, removing further inspection fee and addition of trailer type information	Concluded	12/10/2023
12	Night flights restrictions at Heathrow, Gatwick and Stansted airports beyond 2024, plus national night flight policy	Concluded	23/06/2023
13	Clarifying and reducing administration costs for maritime vessel light dues regulations	Concluded	03/08/2023
14	Future of transport regulatory review: future of flight	Concluded	18/09/2023
15	Future of transport regulatory review: maritime autonomy and remote operations	Concluded	14/09/2023
16	Future of transport regulatory review: zero emission vehicles	Concluded	25/10/2023
17	Reforming aviation consumer policy: protecting air passenger rights	Concluded	27/06/2023
18	Repealing the EU port services legislation	Concluded	31/07/2023
19	Use of maritime shore power in the UK: call for evidence	Concluded	05/07/2023
20	Mobility as a Service: code of practice	Concluded	30/08/2023
21	Transport labour market and skills	Concluded	16/10/2023
22	Driving licence flexibility for alternatively-fuelled vehicles	Concluded	10/10/2023

23	Driving licensing review - call for evidence on opportunities for changes to the driver licensing regime	Concluded	06/06/2023
24	The effectiveness and efficiency of the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA)	Concluded	17/07/2023
25	RVAR exemption: Glasgow Subway Stadler electric multiple units	Concluded	18/07/2023
26	Bristol Airport's application for year-round slot coordination	Concluded	17/08/2023
	Updated		
1	New ways to report road accidents to the police	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
2	New cycling offences: causing death or serious injury when cycling	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
3	Roads policing review: future methods to improve safety and reduce casualties	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
4	Managing pavement parking	Holding Statement	29/06/2023
5	Reviewing personal safety measures on streets in England: call for evidence	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
6	Future of transport regulatory review: modernising vehicle standards	Holding Statement	14/07/2023
7	Future of transport regulatory review: regulatory sandboxes	Holding Statement	14/07/2023
8	Whole industry strategic plan for rail: call for evidence	Holding Statement	18/07/2023
9	Traffic regulation orders: changes to publishing requirements and special events order approvals	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
10	Ending the sale of new, non-zero emission buses, coaches and minibuses	Holding Statement	12/07/2023
11	Taxi and private hire vehicle best practice guidance	Holding Statement	14/07/2023
12	Protecting the public from repeat drug-driving offenders: call for evidence	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
13	Exemptions to 2035 phase-out date for the sale of new non-zero emission HGVs 26 tonnes and under	Holding Statement	13/07/2023
14	Williams-Shapps Plan for Rail: legislative changes to implement rail reform	Holding Statement	17/07/2023
15	Supporting recycled carbon fuels through the Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation	Holding Statement	17/07/2023
16	L-category vehicles: ending sales of new non-zero emission models	Holding Statement	18/07/2023
17	Domestic maritime decarbonisation: the course to net zero emissions	Holding Statement	20/07/2023
18	Changes to the date of the first MOT test and research into other MOT enhancements	Holding Statement	05/07/2023