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Mr Spaven,

Thank you for your letter of 13 November to the Cabinet Secretary for Culture, Europe and External Affairs concerning safe access to Holyrood Park; I have been asked to reply on her behalf.

The Scottish Government and Historic Environment Scotland (HES) recognise that Holyrood Park is a fantastic and unique asset, offering locals and visitors alike opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities in the heart of Edinburgh.

Scottish Ministers have delegated functions relating to the care, conservation and management of Properties in Care, including Holyrood Park, to HES by a scheme of delegation under the Historic Environment Scotland Act 2014. HES are therefore responsible for the management of the Park and are in the early stage of a full review of the Park's management. The location; the significant cultural and natural heritage assets within the Park; and the diverse range of groups and individuals using the Park, pose very complex management challenges.

HES will write to you separately with more detail; however I can confirm that HES are planning a review of their existing traffic management plan, including the current speed limit and opportunities to maintain safe access for all park users. I understand the HES review will involve consultation and HES will look to work with key stakeholders, including Living Streets. Any changes to the speed limit or the wider traffic management plan will need the agreement of City of Edinburgh Council and Police Scotland.

Yours faithfully,



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