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Dear Ian.

Thank you for your letter of 17 July to Chris Grayling, enclosing correspondence from your constituents about the need to take into account the interests of cyclists in the Government's review of its guidance on the use of tactile paving surfaces. I am responding as the new Minister of State for Transport responsible for this issue.

I was sorry to hear of the injuries sustained by your constituent. I have passed the details you provided to officials leading this review, who will ensure these are taken into account as this work progresses.

Our review of the guidance on Tactile Paving and Inclusive Mobility, key pieces of design guidance for the pedestrian environment, is looking at whether we should be expanding or updating these documents and exploring whether they should be combined.

Your constituents mention the research, currently underway, to establish the scope of any revisions to the guidance documents. Our research contractors are engaging a wide range of stakeholders as they consider how well the guidance is understood and meets the needs of disabled people. They have primarily focused to date on groups representing disabled people, but cycling groups and others will have ample opportunity to comment as we develop any revisions to the guidance, and I hope your constituents will add their valuable views to this work.

Yours sincerely,

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MINISTER OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT