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Dear Mr Dalton

I am getting an increasing number of complaints from constituents who live in Market Harborough town centre and on the Coventry Road and Lubenham Hill, the roads that lead west towards Lutterworth and Junction 20 on the M1, about the huge volume of heavy goods traffic using the town as a through road in the evening and at night because of road works on the A14. Quite apart from clogging up the town centre these vehicles are noisy and cause unacceptable vibrations affecting people's quiet enjoyment of the properties, their sleep and damaging the buildings themselves. On warm evenings it is impossible to leave the windows open because of the noise.

We all understand the need to repair the roads but diverting traffic through town centres is not acceptable when there are other available roads in the vicinity for diverted traffic to use. Could you please explain to me as a matter of urgency why you have diverted traffic through the middle of Market Harborough rather than via other, less residential, roads in the vicinity, what you propose to do to mitigate the effects of the traffic on my constituents, and what plans you have to ensure that future repairs to the A14 do not lead to a repetition of these disturbances for the residents of Market Harborough. Why did you not publicise your programme of work in the local press so that the people of Market Harborough could know in advance that their lives were to be blighted and do what they can to prepare themselves for the disturbance?

Yours sincerely



Sir Edward Garnier

cc Leicester Mercury and Harborough Mail