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The Rt Hon Margaret Thatcher MP House of Commons London SWl

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Dear Margaret

As you know, in the exchanges following my statement to the House on 28 February about Sir Michael Giddings' withdrawal from the Archway Inquiry I undertook that we would follow up a number of the points he had made in his adjournment statement. One of these concerned new traffic surveys to take account of the effect of the M25.

Sir Michael asked for new survey work to be undertaken in April and May so that the results would be available by July and, if necessary, re-validated data by October. The Department has therefore arranged for origin and destination surveys to be undertaken between 22 March and 10 April and again between 1 May and 11 May (the dates have been chosen to avoid school holidays which might distort the results).

I thought you would like to know about our arrangements, which have been agreed with the GLC and the London Boroughs concerned.

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