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Dear Louise

Thank you for the meeting of 23 May 2018 to discuss the Chichester bypass and the BABA27 group.

We anticipate receiving the final consultants report from yourselves by the end of June 2018 and we will then undertake some further assessments and high level development of the options presented. We should be able to provide a response to the report by late Autumn 2018. Our costing models are often different to those used by consultants as they are based on actual cost of previous schemes so we will also seek to provide high level option costs in a similar timescale.

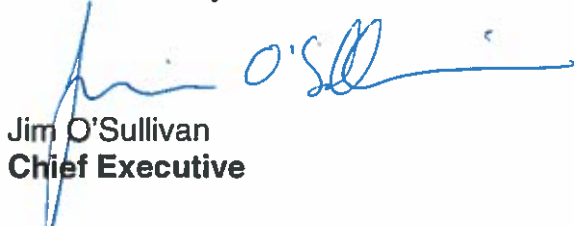
This timescale will allow us to continue to propose the scheme for inclusion in RIS2.

Highways England expect that DfT will publish the draft RIS this summer, and Highways England will submit our response to DfT in the form of a draft Strategic Business Plan in October/November 2018. I would expect the draft Strategic Business Plan to include the proposals for schemes that Highways England intends to deliver in RIS2 and design for potential delivery in RIS3.

Following this the intention is that the final review of the RIS and our Strategic Business Plan will be published sometime during the Spring of 2019.

Having an early supported and deliverable A27 scheme for Chichester increases the likelihood of its inclusion in RIS2 or as a potential scheme for RIS3.

Yours sincerely,

  
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