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Dear *Andrew,*

I would like to thank you and your staff for meeting with me on Tuesday 22 March regarding the multi-agency response to the incident on the M6 on Thursday 4 February. I believe the meeting was most useful and that positive steps will be made around this issue in the near future.

Following the meeting I have written to Councillor Bob Sleight (see attached), Chair of the Shadow Board of the West Midlands Combined Authority, to advise him of your suggestion that this issue is something for the Metro Mayor/WMCA to carry forward. I also hope to raise this as a topic for debate at a future meeting of the Shadow Board.

Having held the same position as you previously, I am fully aware of how difficult it is to make an organisation the size of Highways England accountable on a local level. However, I am extremely hopeful that, following our productive conversation, the Metro Mayor/WMCA will be able to achieve a strong form of answerability for the people of the West Midlands from Highways England.

Along with the letter I have sent to Councillor Sleight, I have attached the debrief document that we received prior to the hearing and another debrief from an incident that occurred on the M5 on Friday 5 February. The similarities between the two documents are certainly noticeable and the points you made around the need to improve communication and co-operation between agencies are highlighted in both documents.

If myself or my office can be of any more help to you around this issue then please know that we will gladly assist in any way that we can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'David', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.  
David Jamieson  
Police and Crime Commissioner