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Edwin, a chara,

**PUBLIC PETITION on the A1 JUNCTIONS PHASE 2 ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Thank you for the Petition submitted with your letter to me on 29 April 2024.

I remain fully committed to delivering this important road infrastructure project. The statutory Orders for the scheme were made in summer 2021 and work on the project is continuing through the development of contract documents and Business Case.

In recognition of current and future potential funding challenges, officials are also exploring options to deliver the project in smaller phased packages. This could increase opportunities for parts of the project to be delivered earlier, subject to future funding.

However, you will be aware that my Department has been operating in a difficult financial environment for a number of years due to underfunding and austerity by the British Government. The value of our infrastructure cannot be overstated, and I will continue to work with Executive colleagues to ensure appropriate investment is made.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' followed by a series of loops and a final flourish.

**JOHN O'DOWD MLA**  
**Minister for Infrastructure**