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Dear Mr Davies,

Thank you for your letter of 30 March to the Home Secretary concerning the inclusion of roads policing capabilities in the recent Strategic Policing Requirement (SPR). I am replying as the Minister of State for Crime, Policing and Fire.

The updated SPR identifies the capabilities which should be in place, either within forces or as part of collaboration agreements, to counter each of the national threats and to drive outcomes. It includes guidance relating to outcomes, capacity, national standards, collaboration and partnership working which will support policing to be more efficient and effective in their response to the national threats. I agree that the inclusion of roads policing in the SPR is a positive development and that this new guidance should be adopted by police forces across the country as soon as possible to strengthen traffic enforcement and ensure road safety.

I recognise the important role roads policing plays. Roads policing and traffic law enforcement is part of core police business since it concerns the protection of life and property and supports the economic and social wellbeing to which well-ordered roads are essential. Prioritising roads policing within the SPR will help to deliver this important work.

The Government will continue to work with and support the improvement of roads policing by ensuring the police have all the tools needed to enforce road traffic legislation. This includes working closely with Chief Constable Jo Shiner, the National Police Chiefs' Council (NPCC) lead for Roads Policing and the new Association Of Police And Crime Commissioners (APCC) Roads Portfolio Lead, Lisa Townsend, the PCC for Surrey.

I understand that the joint Home Office, Department for Transport (DfT) and NPCC Roads Policing Review is progressing well and is currently implementing a number of multi-agency roads policing and roads safety pilots. The Department for Transport hope to publish the Roads Policing Review: Call for Evidence shortly. We will keep your successor Jamie Hassell updated as this work progresses and consult him where appropriate.

Finally, I would like to thank you for the excellent contribution you have made in your time as chair to the Parliamentary Advisory Council for Transport Safety (PACTS). PACTS'

expertise and reports on topics such as drug driving have been greatly valued by the department.

Thank you again for taking the time to write to us.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Philp', written in a cursive style.

Rt Hon Chris Philp MP