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Dear Nick

On the evening of the 30th October, two houses in Winchester City Centre were hit by Heavy Goods Vehicles. In one case, this has caused serious damage.

Alongside this, damage has been reported to parked cars, trees and paving slabs. Residents have also alerted me to noise and traffic close to their homes throughout the night.

A key road in the City Centre will now have to remain closed for a considerable period of time while repair works are undertaken. This will cause immense inconvenience for residents, visitors and businesses in the busy Christmas season.

It has also meant that our city's Remembrance Day Parade will be rerouted.

I am incredibly grateful for the work your team has done to create a diversionary route during the M3 Junction 9 works that, while not perfect, typically does not pass too close to homes.

Sadly, this is being routinely ignored, leading to the situation of the 30th of October.

We must have clear, safe diversionary routes – with particular focus on the inappropriateness of HGVs traversing the City Centre and its tight residential streets.

I would be incredibly grateful for your attention to ensure better signage and guidance throughout the M3 J9 works for drivers, particularly HGVs, so this does not happen again.

Yours sincerely

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