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Dear Karen, Moira and Mike,

Thank you very much for your letter of 16 May regarding Camberley rail services. I appreciate you taking the time and trouble to write to me.

As you know, I very much support the campaign to improve rail services in Surrey Heath, and on 5 February 2016 I responded to the Department for Transport's Consultation concerning the South Western Rail Franchise to outline much-needed improvements in Surrey Heath, and urged officials to look at both short-term and long-term options to deliver such improvements.

I also wrote to Stagecoach, South West Trains, First Group and Network Rail to highlight my response to the Consultation, and I very much hope that a new Franchise Agreement will deliver the vital improvements, such as faster journey times to and from London, that my constituents demand and deserve.

I have written on your behalf to Claire Perry MP, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport, to bring your letter and response to the Franchise Team to her attention. I have asked her to consider seriously the strong arguments you make.

I will, of course, let you know as soon as I have a reply.

With every good wish

The Rt. Hon. Michael Gove MP
Member of Parliament for Surrey Heath