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Mr Richard Flinton and Mr Karl Battersby
Chief Executive and Corporate Director of Environment
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall, Racecourse Lane
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Dear Richard, Karl,

I am writing in relation to North Yorkshire Council's engagement with businesses when permission is granted to restrict, or close, roads on the highways network.

I have been concerned following several recent instances of businesses either being unaware in advance of works, or being impacted by signage giving drivers, often visitors unfamiliar with the area over the summer, unclear information about the nature, and scale, of road closures.

I would be grateful if the current communications arrangements could be reviewed as I know that businesses affected would appreciate earlier engagement before final signage decisions are made.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP

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