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Dear Cabinet Secretary

### **Sheriffhall Roundabout**

I am writing to express the growing frustration regarding the prolonged delays in upgrading the Sheriffhall Roundabout. Six years have passed since the project was announced as part of the City Region Deal, and despite the Public Inquiry held in Dalkeith nearly 2 years ago, no substantial progress has been made in decision or delivery. The ongoing congestion is impacting not only our local economy but regionally in this major transport artery through to the rest of Scotland.

Our residents, businesses, and visitors are bearing the brunt of these delays in daily commutes for those who rely on this vital junction, and it is imperative that progress is made soon as the situation is becoming untenable, with traffic issues worsening, contributing to inefficiencies in the region's transport network. Additionally, the projected costs have escalated beyond the original budget, placing further strain on this critical infrastructure upgrade.

The Council fully understands the concerns raised by climate campaigners, and the financial pressures on budgets, but the pressing need for better traffic flow and safety at Sheriffhall cannot be overlooked. Addressing these challenges will improve both local growth and national prosperity.

I urge the Scottish Government to prioritise this project and provide a clear timeline for its commencement. A commitment to action is essential to restore public confidence in the delivery of this vital improvement for Midlothian and beyond.

**Midlothian Council**

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Councillor Kelly Parry

Midlothian

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Parry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K' and a long, sweeping underline.

Yours sincerely  
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