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Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your letter of the 25th.November responding to my letter of the 19th.November and including the colour copy of the Settlement Profile for Peebles .Much appreciated.

Many aspects of the Profile are of interest, especially the acceptance that a second road bridge over Tweed is necessary for the reasons outlined.. Also for the fact that if the existing bridge had to be closed due to flood damage,there is limited alternative routes to and from the South Side of the town,detours for cars and vans only via Manor (7ton Max for HGV's)and the B7062 to Cardrona states on a road sign,'Not suitable for HGV's'..Also part of this road has been closed due to flooding..

The facts are that we have the Fire Brigade and the Ambulance Stations here,The High School and Priorford are all dependant on Buses, unless there is another bridge planned and is a priority,we have a massive problem if faced with this situation.. In your view,how high on the list is the construction of a road bridge crossing Tweed? Also,is its location been decided?

As you will know,there are two massive reservoirs at Tweedsmuir with their overflow into Tweed,Climate Changes,higher rainfalls and flash flooding taking place, some people don't feel we are prepared if the Old Bridge will hold up if large trees are trapped unable to get through the arches..In this scenario, we will all be 'over our wellies'and nowhere to go,some houses submerged in the water table!!

A great job and improvement at the 'Dirtport Corner', do you think [REDACTED] the 'New Tweed Bridge'

Could be the next project??

Kind regards,

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