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Ms Nicola Shaw CBE
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Dear Ms Shaw

Yesterday I was in Kirkby Malzeard in my constituency to speak to residents and businesses about the ongoing Yorkshire Water work taking place on Main Street. I am grateful to your team who joined me to talk through the work and the various concerns raised with me.

Whilst work was being undertaken yesterday there have been significant delays. The closure of Main Street is having a significant local impact on business trade as well as the ease with which residents can go about their daily lives. I understand from the owner of the village shop and others that there is currently an issue relating to the capacity of wagons clearing debris. I hope this can be quickly resolved to ensure that the early December completion date is met.

A further concern highlighted to me by Highside Butchers was that they had not been provided with information regarding compensation and other support available while the closure is in place. While Ms Robinson said at the time that she would ensure the butchers would be sent the relevant information I would be grateful for your assurance that all residents and businesses will continue to be regularly updated as the work progresses and that eligible businesses will receive the relevant information regarding compensation claims.

I would be grateful for your urgent attention to these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Sir Julian Smith KCB CBE MP

CC: Councillor Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, Masham and Fountains Division, North Yorkshire Council
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