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Dear Andrew,

Thank you for your letter of 25 September to the Secretary of State about road maintenance in London and TfL's funding settlement. I am replying as the Minister responsible for these issues.

We recognise the need to address London's road maintenance backlog to ensure efficient and accessible travel across the city. Government continues to regularly engage with the Mayor of London and TfL to understand their transport investment plans. We will consider their long-term transport funding needs as part of the Phase 2 Spending Review that the Chancellor announced in the Summer.

You suggested that revenue generated from London's Vehicle Excise Duty (VED) could be devolved. However, any changes to the tax system, including to motoring taxes such as fuel duty and VED are a matter for the Chancellor of the Exchequer to decide. You may wish to contact her office directly regarding this matter.

Thank you again for sharing your concerns and suggestions.

Yours sincerely,

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