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Dear Councillors

## **Network Rail Delays in Torbay**

Thank you for your further correspondence regarding the railway bridge on Torbay Road received on 21 June. I have approached Network Rail for an update on the project.

Network Rail has confirmed that the bridge has now reopened to all traffic and pedestrians, but that one-way traffic signal controls are in place overnight whilst work to the bridge parapets is completed. This is currently expected to be the case until September. I am aware that a further meeting with yourselves took place on 8 July and Network Rail will be writing to residents to keep them informed.

As you will appreciate, the Government is continuing to bear the substantial costs of the railway following recent events. It would not be appropriate to add to the burden of the taxpayer by compensating for delayed projects.

I understand that Network Rail has offered to help with a community project that will give something back to the people that have been affected by the works and that Torbay Council is considering what may be most beneficial.

Yours sincerely

Ed Vokes