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Dear Ms. Sinclair,

I write in response to your correspondence dated 08 January 2026, for the attention of the Minister for Transport Mr Darragh O'Brien T.D. My apologies for the delay in responding to your email.

I understand your frustration regarding the delays to the project. However, funding secured under the National Development Plan will see construction start before 2030 on the DART+ programme. Additionally, DART+ West must be prioritised as we move forward, as DART+ West will enable DART+ South West, in particular giving it the depot capacity that will be needed to operate DART+ South West, and capacity in the city centre.

However, the timely advancing of DART+ South West remains a priority for the Minister and this Department.The Compulsory Purchase Orders (CPO) processes for South-West have taken place, and the procurement frameworks put in place for DART+ West will be available for use on South-West when its main construction works commence, which the Department hopes to accelerate through the additional NDP funding made available in 2028 onwards. In addition, procurement for DART+ West, PQQs were also advertised for DART+ South West in May 2025. All PQQ submissions have been received and evaluated, and the tender documentation is now in its final drafting stage.

I hope that this information is of assistance.

With best wishes,

Amanda Corley

Private Secretary to Minister O'Brien TD

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