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Dear Councillor O'Gorman

I refer to your letter regarding recent correspondence with my predecessor, Minister Leo Varadkar, concerning the closure of level crossings on the Maynooth line.

As you are aware, the implementation and development of infrastructure projects in the Greater Dublin Area, such as the closure of level crossings on the Maynooth line, comes under the remit of the National Road Authority (NTA).

The NTA has previously stated that given the levels of funding in the capital funding programme up to 2018, it would not be advancing any designs for closure of these crossings until the end of 2018.

I can confirm that this position remains unchanged. It is understood the programme of level-crossing closures on this line will only become vitally necessary when the line is electrified as part of the wider Dart Underground project, or when train frequencies significantly increase.

I trust this clarifies the matter.

Yours sincerely,

Paschal Donohoe

Minister for Transport Tourism and Sport