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Dear Caroline

Thank you for your letter of 30 March about the proposals to consider less frequent MOT testing.

The proposal to reduce MOT frequency was initiated by the Davidson Review Team and the Better Regulation Commission - both part of the Cabinet Office - whose purpose is to look at the implementation of EU law in the UK, and the legislative burden on UK businesses.

The Department will shortly launch a public consultation to canvass views on whether the UK should move away from its current pattern of testing. Those with an interest will be able to comment on whether or not the EC minimum frequency of testing would be more appropriate for the UK, and provide any evidence to support their views. One area for close consideration is that of road safety, which will be addressed in the consultation process.

I would like to stress that no decisions will be taken on the issue of the frequency of MOT testing until we have had the opportunity to fully consider all the responses to the consultation later in the year.

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