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Dear Frank

Thank you for your letter of 17 January, and my congratulations on your appointment as Interim Chief Executive and Director General of Merseytravel.

You asked specifically about the Government's "current thinking on the integration of the Mersey tunnels into the national road network". The answer to this is very simple: there is no such thinking, since the Government is not contemplating any change to the current position, in which the tunnels are a vital part of the local transport infrastructure and are best managed at the local level.

Yours sincerely,

Mike ****