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Dear William

Thank you for your request for an update on your trading in lay-bys petition.

Further to my letter dated 3 October 2013, I have been considering the issues, including the advantages and disadvantages of each option for addressing trading in lay-bys across the trunk road network in Wales.

In order to introduce a consistent policy across Wales, I am considering the possible phased introduction of licencing at existing sites, combined with a prioritised lay-by upgrade programme. Whilst this would incur additional expenditure, this would enable us to allow existing traders to remain in business, address the long term safety issues, control the potential adverse effects of trading in lay-bys and facilitate the development of new services for road users.

However, before taking a formal decision on this, I wish to seek the views of social partners, in particular the Federation of Small Businesses.

I will write to you again later next month once I have received their views.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edwina Hart', written over a faint circular stamp.