



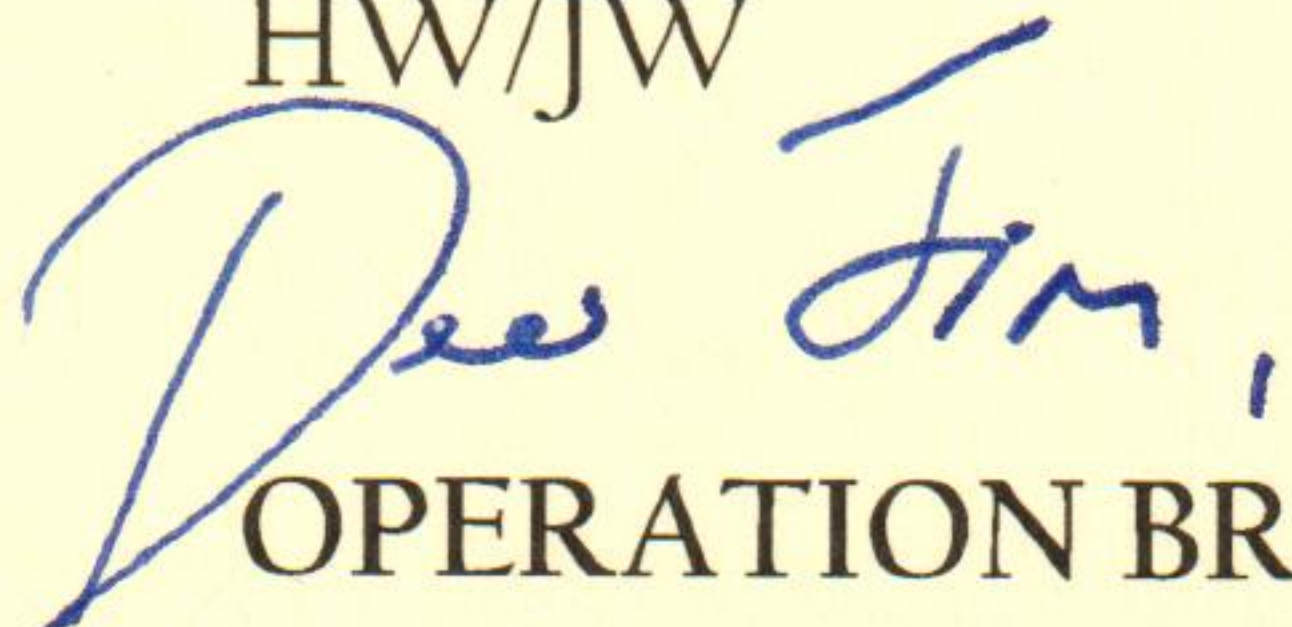
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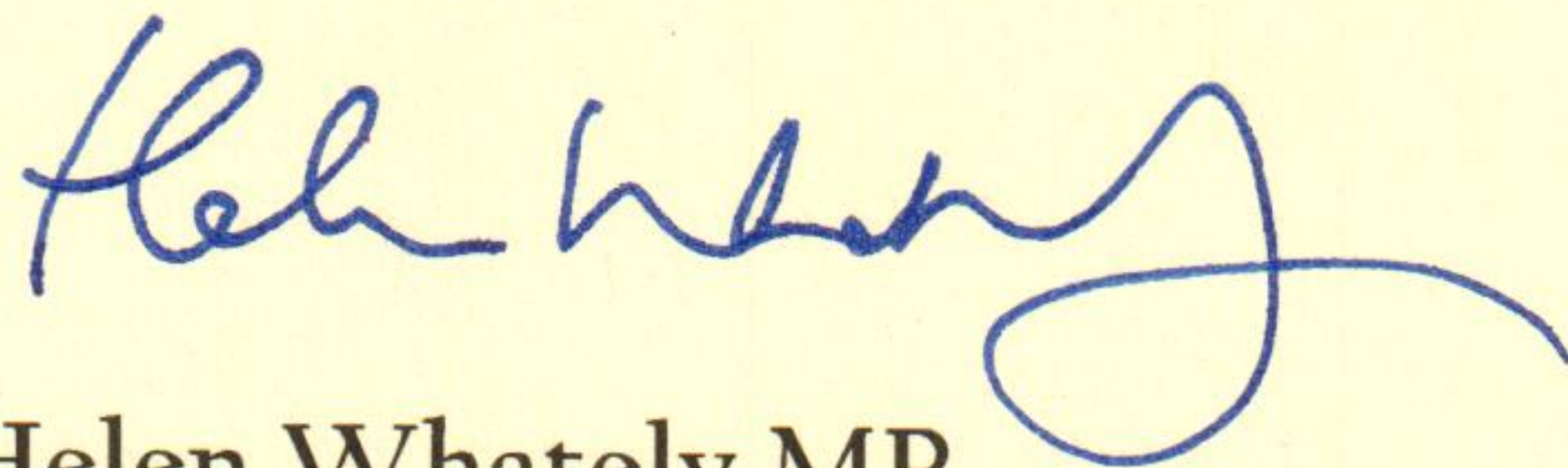

OPERATION BROCK

Thank you for your recent letter about Highways England's plans to install the Operation Brock contraflow barrier on the M20 in advance of 29 March. While we agree that it is important to be prepared in case of delays at Dover/Folkestone/Calais, we are concerned that the M20 will be closed overnight through to 6am for a whole month.

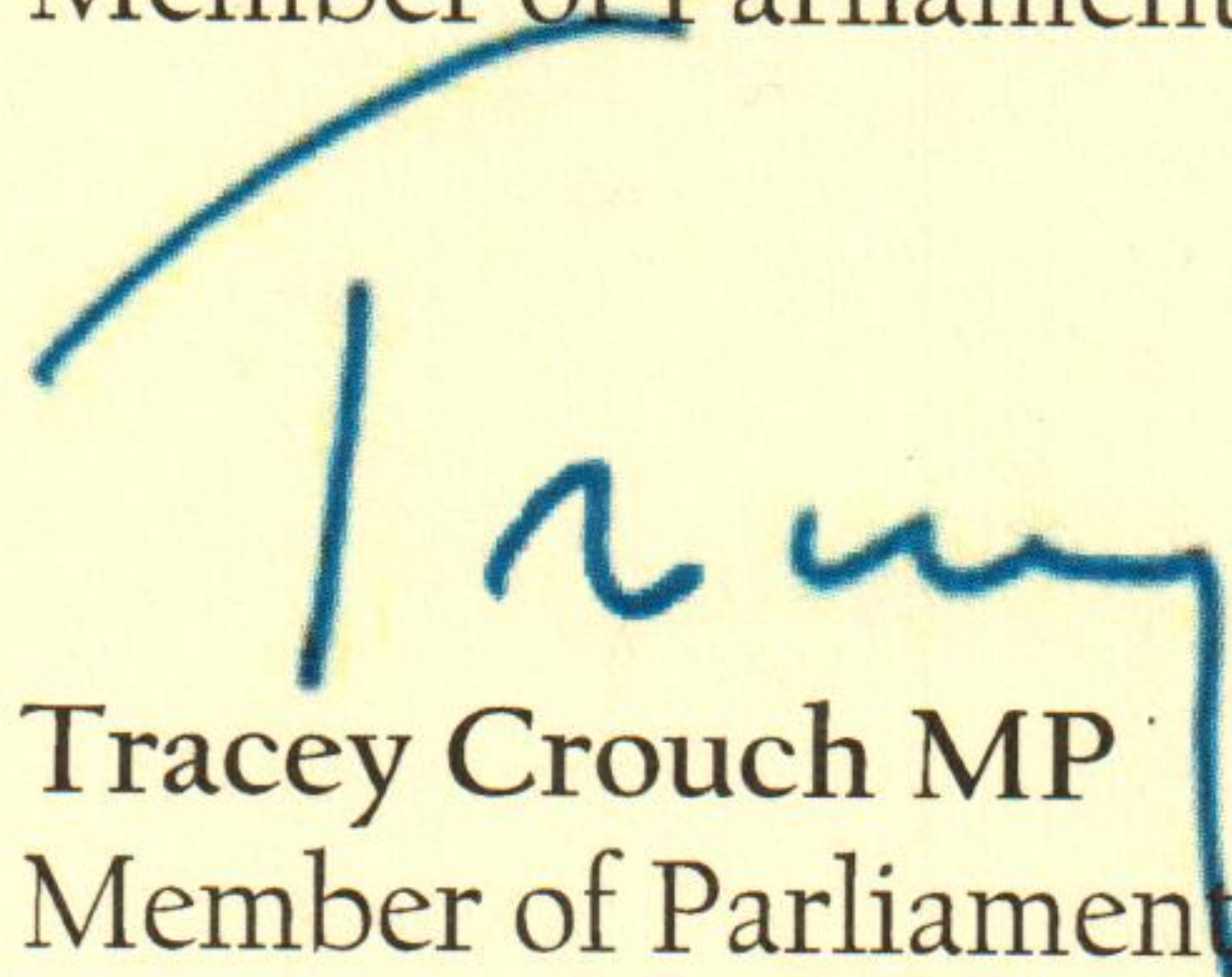
We have written to you previously about the highly disruptive impact of overnight motorway closures, when we asked for the M20 to be reopened at 4.30am rather than 6.00am in November.

The late reopening of the motorway has a knock-on impact for several hours, with motorists arriving late to work and other destinations and pupils missing lessons because of delayed buses. The impact on local roads and the congestion caused by the build-up of traffic on the motorway will have a harmful impact on the local economy and businesses.

Please could you reconsider the closure timings urgently and instead reopen the M20 at 4.30am during this period. That way I hope you would have the motorway ready for Brexit without causing excessive disruption to residents and businesses.



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