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Dear neighbour,

Over the past 18 months, we have carried out substantial public consultation on our proposals to improve the resilience of the railway between Parson's Tunnel, near Holcombe, and Teignmouth.

We received more than 1,600 responses to our 2020 consultation and have read and reviewed every single comment.

We would like to thank everyone who responded. We received some good and considered feedback which can positively influence our plans, and it is important that we get this significant scheme right.

As a result of the feedback we are now refining the plans even further with a view to then sharing these revisions with the public next year. We'll now spend the next few months working through this detail; once we have our refined plans we will schedule a further round of public consultation in 2021.

This means that we won't be applying for a Transport and Works Act order to seek consent for the scheme this year as we had previously indicated in earlier communications. We will only proceed to this stage when we've done this further work and engagement.

Please find enclosed a summary of the findings of the 2020 consultation. For more information, please visit our website [networkrail.co.uk/teignmouth](https://networkrail.co.uk/teignmouth)

Yours faithfully

Mike Gallop  
Director, Western route