Pushing for Cheadle to be at the heart of the Northern Powerhouse

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WHETHER it's travelling to work, doing the school run or simply popping out to the shops, undoubtedly our roads are becoming more congested and this subject is one which my constituents consistently get in touch with me about.

There is an increased focus on improving and investing in public transport and our road network and it's no secret there has been a historic disparity between London and the rest of the country when it comes to spending on transport and infrastructure.

I was delighted that the Prime Minister recently chose the North West to launch the Government's Industrial Strategy Green Paper and express her support for the Northern Powerhouse.

To maximise the growth potential of Greater Manchester we need first class transport infrastructure and I recently supported the Bus Services Bill as it progressed through Parliament.

It was good to see the cross party support for this landmark legislation which will devolve powers to the Greater Manchester area, enabling decisions on bus services to be made locally.

Whilst the government's investment in the £290 million project to complete the A6 to Manchester Airport Relief Road was welcome, other issues on strategic roads in the area such as the Gatley junction continue to cause misery to the many thousands of motorists on a daily basis.

I have continued to use my voice in Parliament to press for a solution to this long-standing problem by questioning the Prime Minister, holding a debate on transport infrastructure in South Manchester and meeting with Government ministers to ensure this really important issue remains high on the agenda.

Getting the infrastructure right is key to our success as the Northern Powerhouse moves forward and I want to make sure that my constituents have their say in identifying the areas which need investment. We all have different priorities when it comes to infrastructure, be it an improved road network, more frequent bus and train services, the Metrolink extending into Cheadle and Stockport or safer cycle routes.

As the government seeks to correct the long-standing disparity between the UK's regions, this week I have launched a survey to ask for my constituent's opinions on all forms of transport in our area and where they would like to see investment go.

I am really eager to hear everyone's views, so to take part in my survey just go to my website www.mary-robinson.org.uk. I look forward to hearing from you and to keeping Cheadle moving!