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Councillor David Rouane  
Leader, South Oxfordshire District Council

Dear David,

I trust that you are well.

It is regrettably the time of year where we are approaching the sixth anniversary of collapse at Didcot Power Station on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2022. The purpose of this letter is to provide you with a brief update on the progress of the investigation.

The victims families remain at the heart of the investigation and are kept updated by the joint investigation team. The Senior Investigating Officer, Detective Superintendent Craig Kirby provided them with a 20 minute video message in January to update on how the investigation was progressing and next steps over the coming months. Further interviews with key witnesses and suspects are planned and will be conducted in due course.

The joint investigation team are open and honest when providing updates to the families, explaining the good progress they are making but also the challenges that are predominantly complex legal disclosure matters. The investigation continues to focus on Corporate Manslaughter, Gross Negligence Manslaughter and Health and Safety offences. At this time, we cannot put a timeframe on when the investigation will conclude.

I want to reassure you that delivering justice for the families remains the heart of what we aim to achieve.

Should you wish for a more detailed update (which I shared with your predecessor Sue Cooper shortly before she stepped down), then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rory Freeman'.

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