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Dear Liz,

Thank you for your email of 26 February, enclosing correspondence from Roy Milnes of Lightmare.org about bright headlights and in-car screens. Please accept my apologies for the delayed response.

Your constituent expressed their concern about the role of bright headlights and in-car screens in contributing to people killed or seriously injured (KSI) on UK roads each year. I welcome Mr Milne's interest in these issues. However, it is important to be clear that current evidence does not support the claim that these technologies are major contributors to annual KSI casualties.

There are many factors that can affect the number of road collisions, including traffic volumes, road user behaviours, vehicle safety, weather conditions and demographic factors. The Department publishes statistics which include analysis of factors contributing to collision. The most recent available data can be accessed at:

www.gov.uk/government/statistics/reported-road-casualties-great-britain-annual-report-2024.

Although many drivers report finding modern headlights too bright, official collision statistics show that dazzling headlights account for only a very small number of recorded collisions each year and does not suggest advances in lighting technology are making collisions more common. Latest published data shows dazzling headlights contributed to 216 collisions in 2023, up from 211 the year before, but down from 315 in 2017 and 283 a decade ago. The 216 collisions in 2023 represent well under 1% of the total collisions recorded that year.

Recent independent research funded by the Department confirms that glare is a genuine issue experienced by drivers, but it does not indicate that glare is a major KSI contributor.

Regarding in-vehicle screens, regulations do not mandate the way that a driver interacts with the various vehicle systems. This is to allow for technological innovation and for a variety of solutions to come to market to meet the differing needs of consumers. However, it is acknowledged that in-vehicle technology has the potential to distract the driver from the driving task and manufacturers should take steps to ensure their equipment can be used safely.

I hope this response is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Alexander". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H' and 'A'.

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