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Dear Dr Kheiri,

Thank you very much for your considerable contribution last year to the Open Innovation Team's work on the opportunities and challenges associated with the use of geospatial data in the transport sector, in collaboration with the Geospatial Commission. The help of CENTRAL academics, both in providing expert insights through interviews, and through your review of the final deep dive report we produced, was invaluable and strongly influenced the conclusions reached.

The overview of academic research we collaborated on was used to provide a range of teams within HM Government with a summary of expert insights on the transport use cases for geospatial data. The teams who benefited from the overview said that it had changed the way they thought about the policy area, and will feed into internal policy papers and most likely a gov.uk publication in the future.

I am grateful for your help, particularly as I am sure you are busy with other commitments and it is not always clear what kind of impact this kind of contribution is having. I hope this letter makes clear that your input is valued and is having a positive influence on policy discussions.

We have now completed the project you were involved in, but there may be some follow up in future as colleagues continue their policy work.

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

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