



Strategic Infrastructure

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Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing with regard to the above major scheme which was granted "Programme Entry" status by the Department for Transport in December 2011.

The scheme comprises a new 1,000 space Park & Ride and major junction improvement to the north-east of Gloucester. The scheme includes works on the A40, which is currently a Trunk Road operated by the Highways Agency. Full details of the scheme are available at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/majorscheme

At a recent meeting with the Highways Agency, it was suggested that the Elmbridge Transport scheme may have to be referred to the Planning Inspectorate as a "nationally significant scheme". Given the relatively modest size of the scheme (circa £16.5m) we do not believe the scheme is nationally significant and can therefore be dealt with via local planning processes. However it was agreed that we would need to contact the Planning Inspectorate in order to verify our view.

Therefore I would be very grateful if you could confirm the most appropriate route for the planning application – specifically whether the scheme is regarded as being of national significance.

Yours sincerely,

James Llewellyn
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