



25 July 2016

Planning Inspectorate  
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Your reference: TR010006

Dear Sir or Madam

### **ADEQUANCY OF CONSULTATION REQUEST M20 Junction 10a**

Thank you for your letter dated 19<sup>th</sup> July 2016 regarding the proposed M20 Junction 10a.

In relation to our views on the adequacy of consultation, we received a consultation pack from Highways England pursuant to requirements under Section 48 of the Planning Act 2008 on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016. This consultation pack provided an information document on the project and contained a questionnaire that asked a variety of questions regarding transport and the relevant road infrastructure. We as a council responded via a covering letter and the completed questionnaire on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 saying we were generally supportive of the project. Therefore, on this basis, we consider the applicant has complied with Section 42 of the Planning Act 2008.

Although, perhaps the public consultation is more relevant to the Ashford Borough where the project is, we note the wide range of public exhibitions held within the Ashford Borough and indeed such an event took place in Maidstone in Spring 2016. I also have reviewed the documents that are accessed via the links provided within your letter which sets out the consultation and publicity exercises undertaken by the applicant. On this basis we consider the applicant also meets the requirements set out by Section 47 and Section 48 of the Act

I hope this answers the queries set out in your letter but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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