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Dear Sirs

**Nationally Significant Infrastructure Project
M20 Junction 10A – Second Written Questions – Question 11.02**

Thank you for your letter detailing the second written questions relating to the above development.

PHE's statutory remit in these consultations covers activities which could potentially cause harm to people and are likely to significantly affect public health. Question 11.02 relates specifically to the appropriateness of alternative methods of noise exposure calculation, which originate from the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). Highways England has responsibility for this guidance, and are therefore better placed to identify the most appropriate calculation method.

Nevertheless, it may be prudent to request that Highways England evaluates the potential noise impacts from the scheme once the development is complete. If it is found that that the development has led to the relevant properties being exposed to levels in excess of 55dB at night-time, a scheme of mitigation should be developed and implemented in consultation with the relevant local authorities.

Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours faithfully

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Please mark any correspondence for the attention of National Infrastructure Planning Administration.