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Dear Sir/Madam

**Planning Act 2008 (as amended) and The Infrastructure Planning
(Examination Procedure) Rules 2010 (as amended) – Rule 13**

**Application by Highways England for an order granting development consent
for the proposed M20 Junction 10a**

Notification of hearings

I write to all Interested Parties to announce the dates, times and places of forthcoming hearings which will be held on 17 and 18 May 2017.

I have decided to hold a second Compulsory Acquisition Hearing and two further Issue Specific Hearings; the first dealing with matters relating to the environment and the second dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order. Details of and arrangements for these hearings are set out at **Annex A** to this letter.

I should be grateful if you would inform the Planning Inspectorate's case team if you plan to attend any of the hearings (even if you do not wish to speak) **no later than 10 May 2017**. It would also assist us if you could notify the case team of any special needs you may have (eg disabled access, hearing loop etc). Please ensure that you include your Interested Party reference number in your correspondence (included either in the email covering this letter or on the postcard you have received).

An agenda for each of the hearings will be published on our website in the week before the events.

Please note that if any of the events scheduled at **Annex A** are no longer required, reasonable notice will be provided to Interested Parties of my decision to cancel them.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the case team in the usual way.

Yours faithfully

Mike Ebert

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Annexes:

Annex A – Dates, times and places for forthcoming Examination hearings

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Issue Specific Hearings

Please be advised that the Examining Authority (ExA) will hold hearings under Section 91 of the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) on the following dates:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
17 May 2017	Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce , Ashford Business Point, Waterbrook Avenue, Sevington, Ashford, TN24 0LH	Start 10:00am (seating available from 9:30am)	Issue Specific Hearing 3 Issue Specific Hearing dealing with matters relating to the environment, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air quality. • Traffic modelling. • Noise. • Water. This list is indicative and not exhaustive.
18 May 2017	Holiday Inn Ashford Central (Wye Suite), Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN24 8QQ	Start 2:00pm (seating available from 1:30pm)	Issue Specific Hearing 4 Issue Specific Hearing dealing with matters relating to the draft Development Consent Order.

If you wish to participate in or observe at either of the Issue Specific Hearings scheduled on 17 and 18 May 2017, please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing M20Junction10a@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 10 May 2017** indicating your wish to attend and the topics in respect of which you wish to speak.

Agendas for the Issue Specific Hearings will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing to which they relate taking place.

The time allocated for each of the hearings has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should a hearing take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at any hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day, or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.

Compulsory Acquisition Hearing

Please be advised that the ExA will hold a second hearing under Section 92 of the PA2008 on the following date:

Date	Venue	Time	Notes
18 May 2017	Holiday Inn Ashford Central (Wye Suite), Canterbury Road, Ashford, TN24 8QQ	Start 10:00am (seating available from 9:30pm)	Dealing with matters relating to the proposed Compulsory Acquisition of land and rights, and the Temporary Possession powers proposed.

If you wish to participate at or observe the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing, please let the Planning Inspectorate's case team know by emailing M20Junction10a@pins.gsi.gov.uk **no later than 10 May 2017** indicating your wish to attend and the topics in respect of which you wish to speak.

An agenda for the Compulsory Acquisition Hearing will be published on our website approximately one week prior to the hearing.

The time allocated for the hearing has been estimated based on the matters identified for consideration. Should it take less time than anticipated, the ExA may conclude the hearing as soon as all relevant contributions have been made and all questions asked and responded to. Equally, if there are additional matters to be dealt with or there are submissions that take a considerable amount of time at the hearing, there may be a need to continue the session for longer on the day, or adjourn the hearing and continue at a subsequent sitting.

Advice may be given about applying for an order granting development consent or making representations about an application (or a proposed application). This communication does not however constitute legal advice upon which you can rely and you should obtain your own legal advice and professional advice as required.

A record of the advice which is provided will be recorded on the National Infrastructure Planning website together with the name of the person or organisation who asked for the advice. The privacy of any other personal information will be protected in accordance with our Information Charter which you should view before sending information to the Planning Inspectorate.